

Table 1 displays assaults on healthcare staff 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010.

| Assaults on Health Care Staff | Verbal | Physical | Total |
|-------------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| 1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010  | 3012   | 5174     | 8186  |

Table 2 displays assaults on healthcare staff broken down by Trust 1 April 2009 31 March 2010

|                                      | Verbal      | Physical    | Total       |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>HSS Trusts</b>                    |             |             |             |
| <b>BHSCT</b>                         | 1254        | 2128        | 3382        |
| <b>NHSCT</b>                         | 364         | 877         | 1241        |
| <b>SEHSCT</b>                        | 220         | 657         | 877         |
| <b>SHSCT</b>                         | 585         | 626         | 1211        |
| <b>WHSCT</b>                         | 497         | 780         | 1277        |
| <b>Agency</b>                        |             |             |             |
| <b>Blood Transfusion Service</b>     | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| <b>Business Service Organisation</b> | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| <b>NIPEC</b>                         | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| <b>NIMDTA</b>                        | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| <b>NIAMB</b>                         | 91          | 103         | 194         |
| <b>NIGALA</b>                        | 1           | 3           | 4           |
| <b>Totals</b>                        | <b>3012</b> | <b>5174</b> | <b>8186</b> |

Analysis of the data indicates that the both verbal and physical assaults continue to increase. The various Trusts' have suggested that the reason for the rise is as follows:

- An increase number of staff reporting incidents, this is due to delivery of intensive incident management training along with improvements to the process of how incidents are reported and recorded.
- A proportion of the statistics can be attributed to a small number of patients (adolescents) with significant mental illness.