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"To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against medical, nursing, midwifery and other health and social care professionals in Cork University Hospital in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form"

Dear Deputy O'Laoghaire

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

There were 76 physical assaults against staff from January 2021 to date in 2022. These incidents are not collated by staff discipline.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Gerard O'Callaghan

Interim Chief Executive Officer