How many times in the past month, if at all, have you personally experienced threatening behaviour, violence or verbal abuse from a patient(s) (or a person close to the patient e.g. family, friends)?

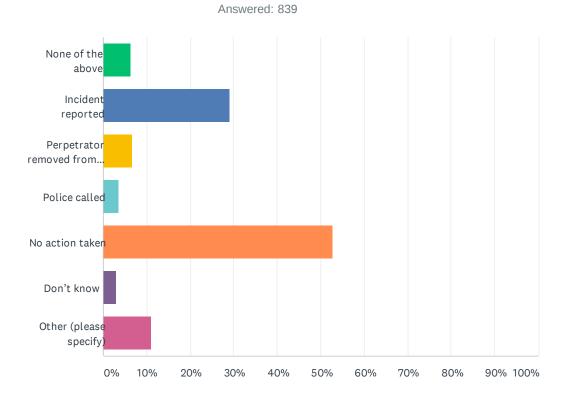
Answered: 2,170

Verbal abuse Threats Physical assault 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% 2-3 times 4-5 times More than 5 times Once

None

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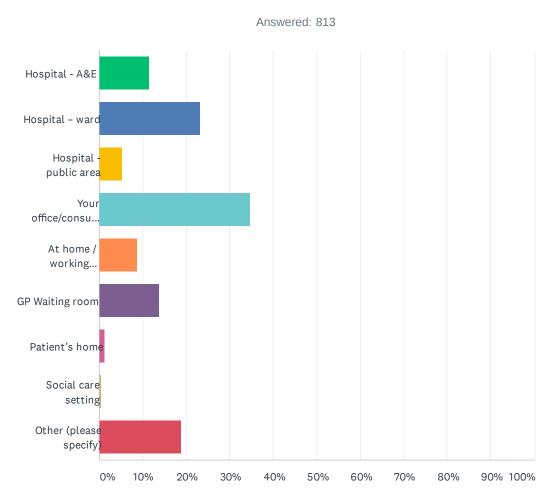
	NONE	ONCE	2-3 TIMES	4-5 TIMES	MORE THAN 5 TIMES	TOTAL
Verbal abuse	63.27% 1,373	17.79% 386	13.23% 287	2.81% 61	2.90% 63	2,170
Threats	84.38% 1,826	9.38% 203	4.76% 103	0.74% 16	0.74% 16	2,164
Physical assault	98.43% 2,128	1.25% 27	0.23% 5	0.05% 1	0.05% 1	2,162



What if any action was taken?

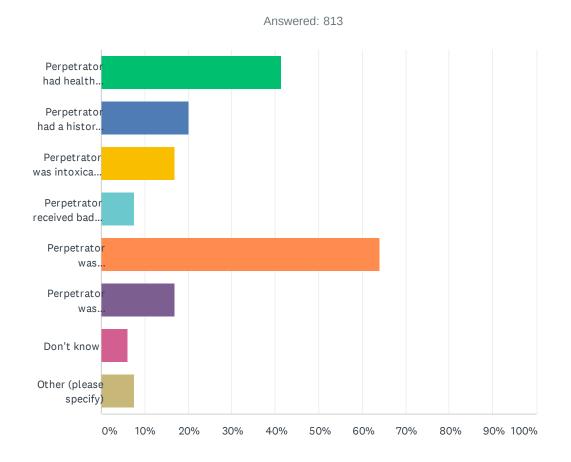
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	6.32%	53
Incident reported	29.08%	244
Perpetrator removed from doctor's list	6.79%	57
Police called	3.46%	29
No action taken	52.68%	442
Don't know	2.86%	24
Other (please specify)	11.08%	93
Total Respondents: 839		

Where did the incident(s) take place? (tick as many as apply)



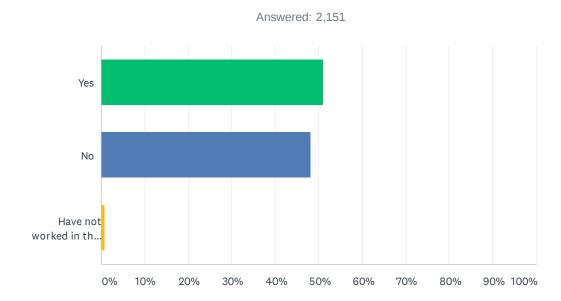
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hospital - A&E	11.56%	94
Hospital – ward	23.25%	189
Hospital - public area	5.17%	42
Your office/consulting room	34.81%	283
At home / working remotely	8.73%	71
GP Waiting room	13.78%	112
Patient's home	1.35%	11
Social care setting	0.37%	3
Other (please specify)	18.82%	153
Total Respondents: 813		

In your experience, which if any of the following were factors in the incident(s) of abuse or violence you experienced? (tick as many as apply)



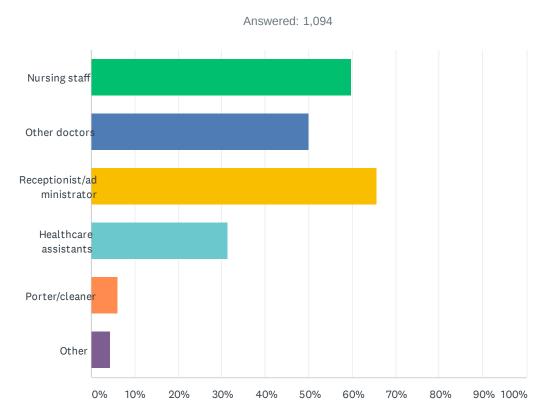
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Perpetrator had health related/personal problems	41.33%	336
Perpetrator had a history of violence/abuse	20.05%	163
Perpetrator was intoxicated with alcohol/drugs	16.97%	138
Perpetrator received bad news	7.63%	62
Perpetrator was dissatisfied with service provided (including access)	63.96%	520
Perpetrator was discriminatory (in language or behaviour)	16.85%	137
Don't know	6.15%	50
Other (please specify)	7.50%	61
Total Respondents: 813		

Have you witnessed violence or abuse directed at other staff in your workplace in the past year?



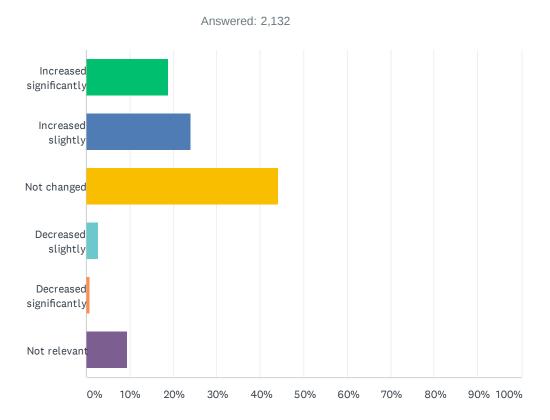
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	51.05%	1,098
No	48.12%	1,035
Have not worked in the last year	0.84%	18
TOTAL		2,151

Which of the following staff was this violence or abuse directed at?(tick as many as apply)?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Nursing staff	59.87%	655
Other doctors	50.00%	547
Receptionist/administrator	65.72%	719
Healthcare assistants	31.44%	344
Porter/cleaner	6.03%	66
Other	4.39%	48
Total Respondents: 1,094		

Compared to one year ago, how if at all would you say your experience of instances of threatening behaviour, violence or verbal abuse from a patient(s) (or a person close to the patient e.g. family, friends) has changed?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Increased significantly	18.81% 401
Increased slightly	24.02% 512
Not changed	44.18% 942
Decreased slightly	2.63% 56
Decreased significantly	0.94% 20
Not relevant	9.43% 201
TOTAL	2,132