



Data supplement

Table DS1. Overview of length of training and work environment		
Question	Yes, n (%)	No, n (%)
Is psychiatry your chosen specialty?	107 (95)	6 (5)
How long have you been working in psychiatry?		
Less than six months	9 (8)	
Six months to one year	16 (14)	
One to two years	19 (17)	
More than two years	68 (61)	
Have you received breakaway training, crisis intervention training or similar training?	96 (85)	17 (15)
Were you offered a refresher course?	55 (51)	53 (49)
If yes, did you take advantage of the offer?	37 (67)	18 (33)
Did you ever get training in relation to conducting a safe interview in terms of location, environment, seating arrangements, etc.?	88 (78)	25 (22)
Are safe interview rooms available to you at all times?	39 (34.5)	74 (65.5)
Was personal safety stressed when you began working in psychiatry?	92 (81)	21 (19)
In your current employment do you have access to a personal alarm during the course of your work?	62 (55)	50 (45)
If yes, do you use it?	32 (53)	28 (47)
Have you ever been given advice regarding protecting your personal information, e.g. not using your home address when registering with the medical council?	14 (13)	96 (87)
Do you have access to a chaperone in the following locations?		
Wards	101 (94)	6 (6)
Out-patient department	59 (55)	49 (45)
Accident and emergency	53 (65)	29 (35)
Did you ever need a chaperone and did not have access to one?		
Wards	22 (20)	86 (80)
Out-patient department	27 (26)	78 (74)
Accident and emergency	36 (40)	55 (60)
Have you had difficulty accessing an interpreter when necessary during the course of your work?	46 (42)	63 (58)

Table DS2. Induction courses		
Question	Yes, n (%)	No, n (%)
At the start of your placement did you attend, or receive an offer to attend, an appropriate induction course?	100 (88.5)	13 (11.5)
Did this induction course include the following:		
A tour of the hospital	76 (73)	28 (27)
Written information relevant to local safety policies	85 (82)	19 (18)
Guidance about maintaining personal safety and privacy	75 (72)	29 (28)
Instruction on the recognition, de-escalation and management of violence	73 (71)	30 (29)
Have you been provided with the College booklets on the management of imminent violence and assessment?	33 (32)	69 (68)

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Table DS3. Experiences of non-physical threatening behaviour		
Question	Yes, n (%)	No, n (%)
Have you ever felt threatened/unsafe in the course of your work (by service users, families, etc.)?	81 (72)	31 (28)
How often have you felt like this:		
Weekly	1 (2)	
Monthly	12 (21)	
Six-monthly	23 (40)	
Yearly	8 (14)	
> yearly	13 (23)	
Did you report this to any of the following:		
Consultant (own)	51 (66)	26 (34)
Consultant (on call)	38 (58)	28 (42)
Tutor	20 (31)	44 (69)
Hospital Management	12 (19)	50 (81)
Clinical Director	18 (29)	44 (71)
Nursing Director	25 (40)	38 (60)
Other	4 (17)	19 (83)
On a scale of 1–5 were you happy with the response		
1. Not at all	11 (17)	
2.	5 (7.5)	
3. Satisfied	41 (63)	
4.	3 (5)	
5. Extremely satisfied	5 (7.5)	

Table DS4. Experiences of physical assault		
Question	Yes, n (%)	No, n (%)
Have you ever been physically assaulted in the course of your work?	17 (16)	92 (84)
Did you report this to any of the following:		
Consultant (own)	14 (82)	3 (18)
Consultant (on-call)	8 (53)	7 (47)
Tutor	7 (54)	6 (46)
Hospital Management	5 (38.5)	8 (61.5)
Clinical Director	8 (62)	5 (38)
Nursing director	9 (56)	7 (44)
Other		
Gardai ¹ – no charges pressed	2 (14)	12 (86)
Gardai ¹ – charges pressed	1 (7)	14 (93)
If reported, on a scale of 1–5 were you happy with the response		
1. Not at all	3 (18)	
2.	1 (6)	
3. Satisfied	10 (59)	
4.	2 (12)	
5. Extremely satisfied	1 (6)	
Did you require medical attention?	1 (6)	16 (94)
Did your supervising Consultant recommend that you go home?	4 (24)	13 (76)
Did you receive an offer of psychological support	3 (18)	14 (82)
If yes, did you accept it?	0 (0)	3 (100)
How many psychiatric trainees are you aware of that have been physically assaulted:		
0	21 (21)	
1–3	69 (71)	
4–6	7 (7)	
7–10	1 (1)	
> 10	0 (0)	

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Table DS5. Documentation		
Question	Yes, n (%)	No, n (%)
Were you aware of any documentation that was kept in relation to the incident apart from the patients notes e.g. for internal audit purposes?	10 (37)	17 (63)