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Level 4

More hospital staff being attacked in UK

2nd December, 2013

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1312/131202-hospital-staff-4.html>

Attacks against hospital staff are rising in the U.K. Britain's health service says violent assaults increased by six per cent in the past year. There were 63,199 attacks in 2012-13. That's over 173 every day. Unions say these figures do not tell the whole story. A spokeswoman said: "Sadly, this is only the tip of the iceberg as violence...remains an under-reported problem." She said government cuts were making patients feel more frustrated.

Britain's Health Minister condemned the attacks. He said any abuse was "totally unacceptable" and would not be tolerated. He said it was outrageous that there were so many physical assaults. He said there were ways to keep violence out of hospitals. Hospitals can remove people who do not need treatment and prosecute them if they do not leave. The support group NHS Protect said staff should work in a safe environment, "free from violence and physical assault".

Sources: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/nhs-staff-assault-figures-show-rise-29795066.html>
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MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1312/131202-hospital-staff-4.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. violent | a. reported problem |
| 2. these figures do not | b. cuts |
| 3. this is only the tip | c. assaults |
| 4. violence remains an under- | d. more frustrated |
| 5. government | e. tell the whole story |
| 6. making patients feel | f. of the iceberg |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Britain's Health Minister | a. were so many |
| 2. any abuse was | b. a safe environment |
| 3. He said it was outrageous that there | c. violence out of hospitals |
| 4. ways to keep | d. "totally unacceptable" |
| 5. remove people who | e. condemned the attacks |
| 6. staff should work in | f. do not need treatment |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1312/131202-hospital-staff-4.html>

Attacks against hospital (1) _____ the U.K. Britain's health service says violent (2) _____ six per cent in the past year. There were 63,199 attacks in 2012-13. That's (3) _____. Unions say these figures do not (4) _____. A spokeswoman said: "Sadly, this is only the (5) _____ as violence...remains an under-reported problem." She said government cuts were making patients (6) _____.

Britain's Health Minister (7) _____. He said any abuse was "totally unacceptable" and would (8) _____. He said it was outrageous (9) _____ many physical assaults. He said there were ways to (10) _____ of hospitals. Hospitals can remove people who do not need (11) _____ them if they do not leave. The support group NHS Protect said staff should work in a safe environment, "(12) _____ and physical assault".

HOSPITAL STAFF SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1312/131202-hospital-staff-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about hospital staff in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

