

**Table 4 Reasons for not reporting an episode of verbal or physical abuse**

Reason	No. (n = 161)	%
Not considered important	31	19.3
No harm intended	42	26.1
Offender apologized	58	36.0
Felt ashamed	20	12.4
Reporting considered fruitless	92	57.1
Able to manage the incident without any help	55	34.2
Did not want it to appear on professional record	42	26.1

*No. of nurses who reported an episode of abuse = 87/248 (35.1%).*

*35 out of 87 (41.1%) of the nurses were satisfied with the method of handling of abuse following reporting of incident, the rest were not satisfied.*