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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012827 – Black alert

I am requesting the following information about the hospital trust under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- 1) How many times has the hospital (or a hospital run by the trust) been on 'Black Alert' in the past 5 years?
 - a) Can I please have a total for each year.

The Trust does not report 'Black' alerts which are Major Internal Incidents where a Trust is under extreme pressure and may not be able to accept emergency activity. DGNHSFT uses EMS (Escalation Management System) with levels 1-4 with 4 being the highest level.

Level 4 means there is sustained pressure throughout the Trust but measures will be put in place to manage the hospital without it impacting on our ability to take emergency activity.