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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014060 – Operating theatre fire incidents

I'm interested in obtaining specific information related to reported fires in the operating theatre setting in Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

- 1) What is the number of operating theatre fire incidents reported in Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust for the period 2010-2018? Please provide a breakdown for each year. None
- 2) Can you please include a breakdown of the type of operating theatre fire incidents for the period 2010-2018, broken down by each year and characterised as follows: - N/A
 - a. chemical ignition
 - b. chemical related
 - c. diathermy related
 - d. equipment related
 - e. other reported in Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust? Please provide a breakdown for each year.
- 3) What is the number of operating theatre fire incidents related to alcoholic skin preparation agents specifically reported in Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust's for the period 2010-2018? Please provide a breakdown for each year. - None
- 4) Can you please include additional details on the number of operating theatre fire incidents that resulted in an injury for the patient, i.e. burn reported in Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust for the period 2010-2018? Please provide a breakdown for each year. - None
- 5) Can you please describe what prevention protocols are in place to avoid operating theatre fire accidents in Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust? Please attach a copy of any protocols. Please note we are interested specifically in protocols related to incidents resulting in surgical burns rather than general fire safety protocols. - The Trust applies BHRS Council guidelines, see attached
- 6) Does Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust provide any prevention training courses for operating theatre healthcare professionals on operating theatre fire incidents? If so please provide details. Please note we are interested specifically in protocols related to incidents resulting in surgical burns rather than general fire safety protocols. - Nursing/ODP undergo local surgical diathermy training delivered by Key trainers where appropriate. Medical staff use a self-assessment basis to identify training requirements around use of diathermy