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Russell's Hall Hospital
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Date: 8/11/23

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

Can I request the number of patient safety incidents that resulted in a severe or death degree of harm to the patients (as defined by NHS England [here](#)) and what month and year they took place from 2010 to present please.

Can I also have these as two separate figures - one for severe and one for death - and a figure of how many deaths there were in total as an incident can refer to more than one death.

Response

Our database only has the information from April 2016 so this is the date range that has been used.

The Trust has provided a total figure by year and not by month.

As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the persons involved and cause distress to Families or Friends, and the monthly figures are all lower than 5 so Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.

Also where the figure for the year is less than 5 this is indicated by <5.

Severe

April to December 2016 = 15

January to December 2017 = 14

January to December 2018 = 16

January to December 2019 = 9

January to December 2020 = 21

January to December 2021 = 21

January to December 2022 = 18

January to October 2023 = 13

Death, this includes avoidable & non avoidable deaths

April to December 2016 = <5

January to December 2017 = 7
January to December 2018 = 9
January to December 2019 = 6
January to December 2020 = 7
January to December 2021 = 7
January to December 2022 = <5
January to October 19/10/2023 = 10

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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