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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013232 – Maternity incidents

The Royal College of Midwives (RCM) would like to make a request, under the Freedom of Information Act for the following information:

1. Please indicate how many reported incidents relating to patient safety were reported in maternity every month during 2016?

[Reported incidents using your organisation’s incident management reporting system for example Datix].

The table below details all patient safety incidents reported within Maternity by month from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

The Dudley Group have worked hard over the last few years to encourage all our staff to report any incident whether it is a potential incident or a near miss and are pleased that we have a very good reporting culture. This helps us to learn from potential incidents before they have occurred and also any other incidents.

	<b>Number of reported incidents, in maternity, relating to patient safety</b>
<b>January 2016</b>	139
<b>February 2016</b>	112
<b>March 2016</b>	122
<b>April 2016</b>	112
<b>May 2016</b>	156
<b>June 2016</b>	88
<b>July 2016</b>	165
<b>August 2016</b>	109
<b>September 2016</b>	99
<b>October 2016</b>	130
<b>November 2016</b>	90
<b>December 2016</b>	65

2. Please indicate how many of the reported incidents were caused by staffing levels as reported in maternity every month during 2016?

[Reported incidents using your organisation’s incident management reporting system for example Datix]

We are unable to determine as the Datix system does not record information in the manner requested.

	Number of reported incidents, in maternity, caused by staffing levels
January 2016	
February 2016	
March 2016	
April 2016	
May 2016	
June 2016	
July 2016	
August 2016	
September 2016	
October 2016	
November 2016	
December 2016	

3. Some incident reporting systems require an assessment of the severity of the incident.

Please indicate the level of severity of the reported incidents that related to patient safety and were caused by staffing levels as reported in maternity every month during 2016?

Please specify the different levels of severity and add more columns as appropriate.

[Reported incidents using your organisation’s incident management reporting system for example Datix].

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	Number of reported incidents, in maternity, caused by staffing levels		
	Severity of incident - Please specify level e.g. high risk	Severity of incident - Please specify level e.g. medium risk	Severity of incident - Please specify level e.g. low risk
January 2016			
February 2016			
March 2016			
April 2016			
May 2016			
June 2016			
July 2016			
August 2016			
September 2016			
October 2016			
November 2016			
December 2016			

4. Some incident reporting systems require an assessment of how likely it is that the incident will occur again.

Please indicate the likelihood of reoccurrence of the reported incidents that related to patient safety and were caused by staffing levels as reported in maternity every month during 2016?

Please specify the different levels of likelihood of reoccurrence and add more columns as appropriate.

[Reported incidents using your organisation's incident management reporting system for example Datix].

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	<b>Number of reported incidents, in maternity, caused by staffing levels</b>		
	<b>Likelihood of reoccurrence - Please specify level e.g. high risk</b>	<b>Likelihood of reoccurrence - Please specify level e.g. medium risk</b>	<b>Likelihood of reoccurrence - Please specify level e.g. low risk</b>
January 2016			
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