

Date: 27/10/2017

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013688 – never events, prescribing incidents

**1. How many NHS Never events have occurred at the trust, in each year over the last 5 years by NHS defined category. Current list is <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/never-evnts-list-15-16.pdf> although there are other categories not listed. A table format would be helpful.**

The Trust reports Never Events in its Annual Reports which can be found under the following link on the Trust website:

<http://dudleygroup.nhs.uk/about-us/publications/annual-report/>

The figures for Never Events are as follows:

2012/13 - 1

2013/14 - 1

2014/15 - 1

2015/16 - 1

2016/17 - 1

**2. Were all NHS Never events also reported via DATIX?** All of the above were reported on the Trust's incident reporting tool DATIX.

**3. Were all NHS Never events investigated?**

All Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust Never Events are investigated.

**4. How many DATIX were submitted in each year over the last 5 years and what was the outcome classification.**

Clinical Incident reporting and data protection incident reporting figures are also published in the Trust's Annual reports under the same link.

For example for 2016/17 the report shows that during the year, the Trust has had one Never Event (a special class of serious incident that are deemed as preventable). The patient was treated immediately and made a full recovery. The Trust had 245 serious incidents\*, all of which underwent an internal investigation and, when relevant, action plans were initiated and changes made to practice.

\*Serious incidents are events in health care where the potential for learning is so great, or the consequences to patients, families and carers, staff or organisations are so significant, that they warrant using additional resources to mount a comprehensive response

**5. How many Datix had prescribing errors and how many of these were investigated using the Serious Untoward investigation or other formal (Level 1 – 3) investigations. (Numbers only – to keep costs very low)**

The Trust has previously responded to a request from you regarding prescribing errors for the period Jan 2013 - Dec 2015 please find re-attached ref: FOI 013044.

I understand that the basis of your request is to try and establish the outcome of a personal DATIX which is exempt under FOI section 40 personal information. However to try and assist you I have contacted the relevant Consultant who I understand contacted you on 26/10/2017 with the outcome of the incident you have referred to.

**6. How many DATIX had prescribing errors of insulin - any type**

The DATIX reporting tool does not filter down to a sub category of 'insulin' to enable us to report insulin errors. Each individual incident would need to be viewed individually to find out further detail. This would then involve accessing incident data and person identifiable information for a reason other than what the system was intended for, which is exempt under FOI exemption Section 40 Personal Information.

**7. How many third party alterations (tampering) of prescriptions have there been reported in each year over the last 5 years**

The DATIX reporting tool does not filter down to a sub category of 'tampering' to enable us to report tampering of prescriptions. Each individual incident would need to be viewed individually to find out further detail. This would then involve accessing incident data and person identifiable information for a reason other than what the system was intended for, which is exempt under FOI exemption Section 40 Personal Information.

**8. How many of the third party alteration of prescriptions were investigated**

The DATIX reporting tool does not filter down to a sub category of 'third party alteration of prescriptions' to enable us to report third party alteration of prescriptions. Each individual incident would need to be viewed individually to find out further detail. This would then involve accessing incident data and person identifiable information for a reason other than what the system was intended for, which is exempt under FOI exemption Section 40 Personal Information