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Russell's Hall Hospital
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Ref: FOI-000441

Date: 13th February 2024

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

Excluding reports relating to incidents of self-harming behaviour, disruptive/aggressive behaviour and patient abuse, please provide me with the most the five most recent 'serious incident reports' (or 'patient safety incident reports' or 'root cause analysis investigation reports') relating to incidents which have occurred in the following departments:

anaesthetics
A&E
acute internal medicine
acute medicine
gastro-enterology
general surgery
respiratory medicine
surgery
trauma and orthopaedic surgery

I understand you may want to redact some patient information. Please see the attached SI report from Hull University Hospital Trust which demonstrates how this can be done. You cannot deduct the time taken to carry out these redactions from the overall time period you have to respond to this request.

Response

Freedom of Information responses are published on the Trust's external website and are available for anyone to look at, the reports in question contain detailed information of the patient and a description of the incident.

We have looked at the reports and even with a high level of redaction due to the level of detail and information contained within the reports this could still be patient identifiable, so the Trust is withholding this information under Exemption Section 40 (personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act.

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.

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust