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**Date:** 7.8.25

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

**Request**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you disclose the following information:

1. The number of patient safety events involving a physician associate or anaesthesia associate in the last five years. (Broken down by calendar years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)

**There are no specific categories on the Trust's incident reporting system that would allow us to run a report for this information, a key word search has been done which has brought back some results.**

**There were less than 5 (<5) patient safety incidents found in each year and 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, Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.**

1a) Broken down by types of injuries resulting from these safety events. (Broken down by same years as above)

1b) Broken down by injury causes. (Broken down by same years as above)

**All Freedom of Information requests are published on the Trust's external website to break the information down as requested in 1a and b could possibly lead to the identification of the persons involved, Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.**

1c) Broken down by injury severity (no harm, slight, moderate, severe, catastrophic). (Broken down by same years as above)

**Please see below summary of injury severity.**

**No injury – no harm**

**no injury – near miss**

**Low harm**

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

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
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