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Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

Request

1. Since January 1, 2020, how many incidents have been reported to your Trust involving a wrong-site surgery? *Please note that this is any incident falling under the following definition: "A medical error where a procedure is performed on the wrong patient, the wrong body part, or the wrong side of the body."* For each incident, please provide the month, year and the type of surgery involved in the procedure. In addition, please confirm the total number of cases reported between January 1, 2020 and November 7, 2025.

2. How many incidents fell under the definition of a serious incident, in line with the Patient Safety Incident Response Framework (or, prior to that, the Serious Incident Framework)? Please state which cases met this definition

3. How many incidents led to serious, moderate, or slight harm to the patient?

4. What were the causes of wrong-site surgery incidents?

Response

For the time period requested there were 6 incidents.

Four investigated under SI framework and two investigated under PSIRF framework

Four resulted in moderate harm, one resulted in low harm and one resulted in no harm

Three incidents were reported in 2020, one in 2022, one in 2024 and one in 2025.

Incidents include – wrong mole removed, incorrect insertion of PICC line, wrong arm injection, biopsy taken from wrong area, wrong lesion removed, biopsy taken from wrong lesion

Due to the low numbers to break the information down any further could lead to the identification of the person involved Exemption Section 40(2) of the Act is applied, personal information.

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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