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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

1. **How many serious incidents occurred during surgery in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 up to the date received (07/05/2021)? Please provide a breakdown by year.**

2018 – 1 Serious Incident reported

2019 – 5 Serious Incidents reported and 3 Never Events reported

2020 – 1 Serious Incident reported and 1 Never Event reported

2021 – 1 Never Event reported

- a. **For each serious incident, please provide as much detail as possible within the time/cost framework, and without any identifying information that could incur a personal data exemption.**

2018 – Serious Incidents (SI) - Development of compartment syndrome following open reduction internal fixation procedure.

2019 – Never Event – Wrong site surgery. Dental.

2019 – Never Event – Wrong side local anaesthetic block.

2019 – Never Event – Wrong side nerve block.

2019 – SI – Patient returned to surgery with compartment syndrome. Urology.

2019 – SI - Surgical complication during transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP) surgery. Urology

2019 – SI - During pre-check sequence with the Scrub Practitioner prior to a cataract procedure, it was noticed that the intraocular lens (IOL) implant put in the right eye during previous surgery undertaken in July 2019, had been chosen from the biometry readings for the left eye.

2019 – SI – Death within 30 days of surgery. Urology.

2019 – SI – Misplacement of central line into artery.

2020 – Never Event – Wrong site surgery. Dental.

2020 – SI – Cardiac arrest during surgery.

2021 – Never Event - Wrong patient had peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) line inserted, although the patient that received the PICC line was on the list to have a PICC line inserted later that day.

b. Please provide a breakdown by i) never events ii) all other serious incidents.

2018 – 43 SIs and 1 Never Event

2019 – 56 SIs and 4 Never Events

2020 – 46 SIs and 3 Never Events

2021 – 13 SIs and 2 Never Events

Please include locum or agency staff if you hold information on them.

I can confirm that we hold this information but it is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Personal Information of third parties. This is because this information may allow the identification of individual staff members due to the small number and disclosure would breach the principles of the Data Protection Act.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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