

FOI REF: 21/650

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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) Please tell me for the years a) 2019/20 and b) 2020/21 the number and, where available, rate of patient safety incidents reported within the trust**

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 = 11560.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 = 11084.

- 2) Please provide separately for a) 2019/20 and b) 2020/21 the number and percentage of the patient safety incidents from question 1 that resulted in severe harm or death**

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 = 51 (0.44%) incidents that resulted in severe harm or death.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 = .30 (0.27%) incidents that resulted in severe harm or death.

- 3) Please provide me with a brief overview of the FIRST FIVE patient safety incidents in 2020/21 that resulted in severe harm or death (i.e. the incidents identified in question 2b above), withholding any identifying information that would run into a Section 40 exemption.**

First 5 incidents 2020/2021

1. Slip/Trip/Fall
2. Slip/Trip/Fall
3. Slip/Trip/Fall
4. Treatment delay
5. Covid-19 outbreak

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**If the information for 2020/21 is not yet available, or if there were zero incidents in 2020/21, please provide me with a summary of the first five incidents from 2019/20 instead.**

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](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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