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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:

Please tell me with respect to the financial year 2022/23:

1) How many incidents were reported by your Trust on the Datix incident reporting system under the category 'MRI safety'?

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2) How many of these MRI safety Datix incident reports were listed under the division, 'MRI Non Declared Internal Passive Metallic Implant'?

"Internal Passive Metallic Implant or Internal Active Metallic Implant" - are not terminologies that we use at East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust so unable to answer this question. There were 4 incidents associated with Pacemakers with details below.

- Patient arrived for MRI scan. Patient had ticked yes for pacemaker in the questionnaire but did not inform Radiology beforehand. Explained to the patient that the scan could not be performed because of safety issues and apologized. Patient's pacemaker and leads were MRI compatible.

- Patient arrived for MRI scan but has a pacemaker in situ. On the referral it does mention that the patient has a pacemaker, this was missed on booking. Pacemaker is not compatible with MRI. Scan did not take place.

- Patient referral scanned onto to CRIS by Trust, patient had ticked yes to having a pacemaker - an alert was not created, patient referral transferred to IRIS by new member of staff and pacemaker not noted. Contacted the patient and booked appointment over the phone, was not alerted to

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pacemaker insitu. Patient arrived for the scan and when clinical team where asking safety questions patient then advised of pacemaker. Patient's pacemaker and leads are MRI compatible. MRI scan was completed at a later date and no concerns were seen.

- The patient safety questionnaire stated that the patient does not have a pacemaker. Upon checking the patient on the system it showed the patient does have a pacemaker. Patient's pacemaker and leads are MRI compatible. Scans performed at a later date and no concerns were seen.

3) How many of these MRI safety Datix incident reports were under the division 'MRI Non Declared Internal Active Metallic Implant'?

Please see response to Q2 above.

For all of the incidents captured under 2 and 3 above in 2022/23, can you please provide a verbatim copy of the description of the adverse event?

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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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Yours sincerely

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