

FOI REF: 23/889

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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:

**Excluding serious incident reports into self-harming, disruptive, abusive and/or aggressive patient behaviour - and also excluding reports into pressure sores and falls - please provide me with summaries of all serious incident reports (sometimes called 'never event investigation reports', 'patient safety incident investigation' reports and/or 'route cause analysis investigation reports') completed in by your Trust in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 which include at least one of the following words or phrases:**

- **Physician associate.**
- **Anaesthesia associate.**
- **Anaesthetic assistant.**
- **Assistant practitioner.**
- **Physician assistant.**
- **PA.**
- **AA.**

**Please ensure each summary includes the following information:**

**1) Date of incident.**

During the period requested, 2019-2023, we had no SIs with the wording/phrases as requested above.

**2) A description of the incident, including the job titles of staff involved.**

Not applicable.

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- 3) **Problems and root causes identified during the investigation. Be specific about staffing issues, e.g. if short staffed state staff roles and numbers were on shift, or if an error occurred state the job titles of those involved in this error.**

Not applicable.

- 4) **Actions and/or recommendations from the investigation. Be specific, if staff require further training, state which staff, e.g. 'FY2 doctors' or 'physician associates', and what the training involves.**

Not applicable.

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](mailto: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.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
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Yours sincerely

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