

FOI REF: 24/249

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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:

**I am making a request for the following information:**

- 1) The number of Datix incidents logged involving patient misidentification, broken down by category of harm if possible, for each of the five following calendar years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023**

**If the trust did not or has stopped using Datix during this time period, please would you also provide details of incidents involving patient misidentification reported on any equivalent safety reporting system used by the trust.**

Misidentification of patients January 2019 to December 2023.

	Severity 1 None/Near Miss	Severity 2 Minor	Severity 3 Moderate	Total
2019	174	5	0	179
2020	221	2	1	224
2021	261	6	0	267
2022	277	6	0	283
2023	234	6	0	240
<b>Total</b>	<b>1167</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1193</b>

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.

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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  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Yours sincerely

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