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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 Untoward incidents (or SIs) has your trust recorded in

#### a. 2019-2020

#### 61 SIs were raised during 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020

- 19x Slip/Trips/Falls
- 10x Surgical Invasive procedure
- 9x Treatment Delay
- 7x Sub-optimal care of the deteriorating patient
- 5x Diagnostic Incident including delay (including failure to act on test results)
- 3x Maternity/Obstetric, baby only
- 2x Maternity/Obstetric, mother only
- 2x Pressure ulcer meeting SI criteria
- 1x Confidential Information leak/Information Governance Breach
- 1x Medical Equipment/devices/disposable meeting SI criteria
- 1x Medication incident
- 1x Screening issues

# b. 2020-2021

#### 39 SIs were raised during 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021

13x Slip/Trips/Falls
8x HCA/Infection control incident
7x Treatment delay
2 x Diagnostic incident including delay (including failure to act on test results)
2x Medication incident
2 x Surgical Invasive procedure

- 1 x Abuse/Alleged abuse of a child by a third party
- 1 x Maternity/Obstetric incident, baby only
- 1 x Maternity/Obstetric incident, mother and baby
- 1 x Medical Equipment/devices/disposable meeting SI criteria
- 1 x Sub-optimal care of the deteriorating patient

# c. 2021-2022

- 37 SIs were raised during 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022
- 9x HCA/Infection control incident
- 8x Slips/Trips/Falls
- 7x Treatment Delay
- 4x Diagnostic incident including delay (including failure to act on test results)
- 3 x Maternity/Obstetric incident, baby only
- 3 x Surgical Invasive procedure
- 2 x Maternity/Obstetric incident, mother and baby
- 1 x Abuse/Alleged abuse of a child by a third party

# d. 2022-2023

- 19 SIs were raised during 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023
- 5x Diagnostic incident including delay (including failure to act on test results)
- 3x Maternity/Obstetric Incident, baby only
- 3x Maternity/Obstetric Incident, Mother and baby
- 2x Medical Equipment/devices/disposables meeting SI criteria
- 2x Medication Incident
- 1x Disruptive/aggressive/violent behaviour
- 1x Slip/Trip/Fall
- 1x Surgical Invasive procedure
- 1x Treatment delay

# e. 2023-1024

# 12 SIs were raised during 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

4x Diagnostic incident including delay (including failure to act on test results)
4x Treatment delay
2x Maternity/Obstetric Incidents, baby only
1x HCA/Infection control incident
1x VTE meeting SI criteria

# 2. Can you please reveal brief details to me of each SUI incident?

Please see response to Q1 above.

# 3. How many never events have been reported during the years outlined in question 1 and where possible can you reveal details of the nature of these incidents?

# a) 2019-2020

4x Never Events were reported – 1x Transfusion or transplantation of ABO – incompatible blood components or organs and 3x Wrong Site surgery.

#### b) 2020-2021

5x Never Events were reported – 1x Retained Foreign object, 1x Unintentional connection of a patient requiring oxygen to an air flowmeter and 3x Wrong site surgery.

#### c) 2021-2022

3x Never Events were reported – 1x Retained Foreign object, 1x Mis-selection of high strength Midazolam during conscious sedation and 1x Administration of medication by wrong route.

#### d) 2022-2023

1x Never Event was reported – Wrong site Surgery

#### e) 2023-2024

# 1x Never Event was reported – Retained Foreign object

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 (<u>esh-tr.foi@nhs.net</u>), 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 Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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