

FOI REF: 25/194

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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 wanted to ask if there have been any medication errors with Rocuronium in the last 5 years in the trust, 2020 – 2025?

- 1) Please can you share any details and dates on the type of incidents that have occurred.**

There have been two medication errors with Rocuronium, recorded in the last 5 years, details as follows:

2021 Patient had an adverse reaction to Rocuronium administered as a paralysing agent for anaesthetic.

2024 Anaesthetist administered muscle relaxant rather than Tranexamic acid prior to induction of anaesthesia. Induction drugs were administered immediately and airway maintained with endotracheal tube.

The patient was transferred from the anaesthetic room to the theatre and surgery was completed uneventfully.

- 2) Was it a mistake or a mix-up with another drug?**

2021 Patient had a seldom, however known, possible adverse reaction to Rocuronium.

2024 The incident involved muscle relaxant being administered rather than Tranexamic acid prior to induction of anaesthesia.

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3) Do you know the outcome for the patients?

Both incidents were investigated fully, and action was taken to avoid similar incidents happening in the future. The reports into both incidents indicate that the patients recovered fully.

4) Were there any costs to the hospital?

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust are unable to quantify the costs to the hospital, as the Trust does not have Financial Reporting available to identify the additional medical and ward costs, associated with the two medication errors with Rocuronium.

5) Did it involve litigation?

If any of these incidents had resulted in litigation, the information would be collated by NHS Resolution and would be available via their website which can be accessed using the link below:

[Annual statistics - NHS Resolution](#)

Freedom of Information requests to NHS Resolution can be made via the link below:

<https://resolution.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>

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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