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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to medication errors 2014 and 2015.

I would be grateful if you could let me have the following information, for two separate years: 2014 and 2015.

1) The number of medication errors recorded by the Trust for each of these two years.

2) The number of these incidents for each of these two years that were recorded as causing:

- no harm*
- low harm*
- moderate harm*
- severe harm*
- death*

3) The number of errors for each of these two years attributed to:

- prescribing error*
- dispensing error or*
- any other cause*

4) The number of errors for each of these two years attributed to:

- the prescribing or dispensing of the wrong dose, or*
- the prescribing or dispensing of the wrong medicine.*

5) The number of incidents for each of these two years in which the Trust has paid financial compensation to patients or relatives of patients in respect of medication errors, and the total paid in compensation for each of these two years in respect of medication errors.

6) Finally, does the Trust have a named medication safety officer, and when was this post established and filled?

1)

| | 2014 | 2015 |
|----------------------------|------|------|
| Total Medication Incidents | 477 | 696 |

2)

| | 2014 | 2015 |
|---------------|------|------|
| No Harm | 426 | 623 |
| Low Harm | 45 | 63 |
| Moderate Harm | 6 | 9 |
| Severe Harm | 0 | 0 |
| Death | 0 | 1 |
| | 477 | 696 |

3)

| | 2014 | 2015 |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Prescribing Errors | 69 | 132 |
| Dispensing Error | 50 | 60 |
| Other cause | 358 | 504 |
| | 477 | 696 |

4)

| | 2014 | 2015 |
|----------------|------|------|
| Wrong Dose | 85 | 106 |
| Wrong Medicine | 31 | 34 |

5)

| | 2014 | 2015 |
|--------|------|------|
| Claims | 1 | 0 |

One incident that occurred in 2014 has resulted in a claim. This has not been settled as yet. There have been no incidents in 2015 that has resulted in a claim. The Trust does not pay claims so all financial information would need to be obtained from the NHS Litigation Authority.

6)

The Trust has had a named medication safety officer since August 2015.