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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 Serious incidents.

You asked:

1. How many serious incidents occurred during surgery in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 up to the date received (07/05/2021)? Please provide a breakdown by year.

a. For each serious incident, please provide as much detail as possible within the time/cost framework, and without any identifying information that could incur a personal data exemption.

b. Please provide a breakdown by i) never events ii) all other serious incidents

Trust response:

1.
2018 – 10 SI's declared
2019 – 12 SI's declared
2020 – 16 SI's declared
2021 (up to and including May) – 19 SI's declared

a.

2018

- 1 - delay in return to theatre,
- 1 – Consent,
- 1 - delay in surgical review,
- 1 - inadequate fluid management,
- 1 - post surgery complications,
- 1 - Fractured hip following a fall,
- 1 - incorrect surgery,
- 1 - pressure damage category 4,
- 1 - returned to theatre (perforated bowel)
- 1- unintended injury during surgery (perforated sigmoid colon).

2019

- 1 - Unexpected death,
- 1 - DVT,
- 1 - failure to act on test results,
- 1 - Fall (#hip),
- 1 - Medication incident,
- 1 - Return to theatre,
- 1 - sub-optimal care,
- 4 - treatment delay
- 1 - unplanned return to surgery

2020

- 1 - Incident threatening organisations ability to continue to deliver an acceptable quality of healthcare services,
- 1 - central line air embolus,
- 3 - Covid Outbreaks,
- 1 - Scan result delay,
- 1 - IG Breach,
- 2 - treatment delays,
- 1 - HACI, 1/16 retained breast marker clips,
- 1 - retained swab 2/16 falls
- 1 - testicular torsion

2021

- 2 - Unexpected death,
- 4 - Covid Outbreaks,
- 1 - failure to prescribe anticoagulation,
- 6 - Falls,
- 1 - treatment delay,
- 1 - retained swab,
- 1 - wrong side nerve block,
- 2 - Pulmonary Embolisms,
- 1 - testicular torsion

b.

Never Events in 2018 = 0

Never Events in 2019 = 0

Never Events in 2020 = 0

Never Events in 2021 = 2 – Retained Swab and Wrong Side Nerve Block