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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 Patient safety incidents resulting in severe harm or death - 2019/20 and 2020/21.

You asked:

- 1) Please tell me for the years a) 2019/20 and b) 2020/21 the number and, where available, rate of patient safety incidents reported within the trust*
- 2) Please provide separately for a) 2019/20 and b) 2020/21 the number and percentage of the patient safety incidents from question 1 that resulted in severe harm or death*
- 3) Please provide me with a brief overview of the FIRST FIVE patient safety incidents in 2020/21 that resulted in severe harm or death (i.e. the incidents identified in question 2b above), withholding any identifying information that would run into a Section 40 exemption.*

If the information for 2020/21 is not yet available, or if there were zero incidents in 2020/21, please provide me with a summary of the first five incidents from 2019/20 instead.

Trust response:

- 1)
2019/20 – 10261 patient incidents reported
2020/21 – 10216 patient incidents reported

- 2)
2019/20 – 72 incidents resulted in severe harm or death (the Trust does not record this as a rate however the percentage would be 0.7)
2020/21 – 71 incidents resulted in severe harm or death (the Trust does not record this as a rate however the percentage would be 0.69)

3) Please note: We have used our standard serious incident category that they were reported under to avoid specific detail of each patient's case that could be identifiable.

First five incidents

- 1) Diagnostic incident including delay meeting SI criteria (including failure to act on test results)
- 2) Medical equipment/devices/disposables incident meeting SI criteria
- 3) Slips/trips/falls meeting SI criteria
- 4) Slips/trips/falls meeting SI criteria
- 5) Sub-optimal care of the deteriorating patient meeting SI criteria