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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 Knife injuries and death.

*You asked:*

- 1. How many people have been treated for serious knife or bladed article injuries for the following years*
  - a. March 2019 - March 2020*
  - b. March 2020- March 2021*
  - c. March 2021 - March 2022*
- 2. How many people have died through a knife wound for the following years:*
  - a. March 2019 - March 2020*
  - b. March 2020- March 2021*
  - c. March 2021 - March 2022*
- 3. Can you specify how many patients under the age of 18 have been treated for knife injuries both fatal and non-fatal in your Trust since 2013? Can you give a break down by age and sex?*
  - a. March 2019 - March 2020*
  - b. March 2020- March 2021*
  - c. March 2021 - March 2022*

Trust response:

Please note: The Trust can only accurately count these sorts of injuries on patients who have been admitted. Previous work around this subject suggest that the majority of knife injuries are treated in A&E without the patient being admitted so do not attract the detailed coding necessary to allow us to identify them.

1) Numbers of patients admitted with a diagnostic code of X99\* (assault with a sharp object)

March 2019 - March 2020: 20

March 2020- March 2021: 13

March 2021 - March 2022: 14

Because of a delay in turnaround for diagnostic coding, activity since late Jan-22 onwards is potentially missing. Therefore the 2021/22 figure is likely to be between 0% & 10% undercounted.

2) Since April 2016 (as far back as we have reportable data), we have not recorded a death in conjunction with a sharp object assault

3)

March 2019 - March 2020: 1 (male)

March 2020- March 2021: 1 (female)

March 2021 - March 2022: 0