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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 physician associates (PAs).

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.

- 1. According to your records, in the financial years 2022/23 and 23/24 (as of 07.03.24), on how many occasions did either a Physician Associate or Anaesthesia Associate prescribe/attempt to prescribe medication to a patient at your trust? Please provide a breakdown by year.*
- 2. According to your records, in the financial years 2022/23 and 23/24 (as of 07.03.24), on how many occasions did either a Physician Associate or Anaesthesia Associate request a scan that involves ionising radiation for a patient at your trust? Please provide a breakdown by year.*
- 3. If it does not exceed the cost threshold, in the financial years 2022/23 and 23/24 (as of 07.03.24), how many incidents were recorded on Datix (or equivalent system) relating to the actions Physician Associates or Anaesthesia Associates? Please provide a breakdown by year.*

Trust response:

1. There have been no attempts of PAs or AAs prescribing or attempting to prescribe medication or requesting ionising investigations.
2. There have been no attempts of PAs or AAs prescribing or attempting to prescribe medication or requesting ionising investigations.
3. We have run a report on all incidents recorded on our system and searched for the word 'Ionising'. There are only seven reported with this word in the incident description. None of these relate to PA's.