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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.

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

*1) How many Physician Associates are currently employed by your organisation?*

*2) Please provide copies of any policies regarding physician associates in your organisation. For example, policies regarding the scope of practice, clinical procedures, governance, supervision and appraisal processes for physician associates.*

*3) Please provide details of any patient safety incidents (reported via Datix or other internal patient safety reporting systems) where the clinician involved was a Physician Associate. Where possible, please include a breakdown of these incidents by year, severity and categorisation (e.g., department, nature of the incident, patient harm, outcome, organisational response etc). I would like to request all the data you hold regarding patient safety incidents related to physician associates. However, if this is impractical, I request a time limit of 5 years.*

Trust response:

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2. The policy is attached to this email.
3. Job role is not recorded on our incident system so we are unable to search for these. We have run a report and searched in the description for Physician Associate. Four records came up during the time period requested but these are not incidents that were reported relating to the actions of the Physician Associates.