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From: MP  
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Subject: Serious untowards incidents

## REQUEST

I am requesting the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

1. How many incidents involving a failure to act upon test results were recorded in your trust in a) 2013/14, b) 2014/15 and c) 2015/16; how many of these were reported as serious incidents; and please provide a breakdown by therapeutic areas in which these failures occurred.
2. How many incidents involving sub-optimal care of a deteriorating patient were recorded in your trust in a) 2013/14, b) 2014/15 and c) 2015/16; how many of these were reported as serious incidents; and please provide a breakdown by therapeutic areas in which these incidents occurred.
3. How many delayed diagnoses were recorded in your trust in a) 2013/14, b) 2014/15 and c) 2015/16; how many of these were reported as serious incidents; and please provide a breakdown by therapeutic areas in which these delayed diagnoses occurred?
4. How many surgical errors were recorded in your trust in a) 2013/14, b) 2014/15 and c) 2015/16; and how many of these were reported as serious incidents?
5. How many incidents involving child abuse within your trust were recorded in a) 2013/14, b) 2014/15 and c) 2015/16; and how many of these were reported as serious incidents?
6. How many incidents involving serious injury to a child within your trust were recorded in a) 2013/14, b) 2014/15 and c) 2015/16; and how many of these were reported as serious incidents?

## RESPONSE

### Question 1

Total for 2013/2014 = 27

Total for 2014/2015 = 19

Total for 2015/2016 = 33

We are unable to split this down into the therapeutic areas due to the low numbers involved in these individual areas. If we were to do this we could potentially risk the identification of the patients involved and subsequently breach our obligations under the Data Protection Act.

### Question 2

This is not a category that is specific on Datix as a result of this a manual search would be required which would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in answering the remainder of your questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing this specific element of your request.

### Question 3 Delayed Diagnosis

2013/14	Total
Accident & Emergency	15
Cardiology	1
Gastroenterology	3
General Medicine	10
General Surgery	2
Gynaecology	7
Medicine for Older People	2
Obstetrics	11
Orthopaedic	2
Paediatrics	12
Pathology	71
Radiology	4
Theatres	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>141</b>

2014/15	Total
Accident & Emergency	27
Cardiology	2
Critical Care	1
Gastroenterology	3
General Medicine	14
General Surgery	3
Gynaecology	4
Haematology	1
Medicine for Older People	9
Obstetrics	7
Orthopaedic	3
Paediatrics	6
Pathology	41
Radiology	3
Respiratory	1
Theatres	1
Total	126
2015/16	Total
Accident & Emergency	24
Cancer Services	2
Cardiology	2
Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT)	2
Gastroenterology	4
General Medicine	23
General Surgery	2
Gynaecology	3
Medicine for Older People	5
Obstetrics	11
Orthopaedic	1
Paediatrics	4
Pathology	74
Plastics	1
Radiology	9
Urology	3
Total	170

#### **Question 4**

2013/14 – We are unable to provide the information you require as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under the Data

Protection Act 1998. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the Act.

2014/15 – None

2015/16 – None

**Question 5**

2013/14 – We are unable to provide the information you require as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the Act.

2014/15 – None

2015/2016 - None

**Question 6**

2013/14 – None

2014/15 – None

2015/16 – None