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Subject: Operating theatres fire incidents

## REQUEST

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust.

I'm interested in obtaining specific information related to reported fires in the operating theatre setting in St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust.

- 1) What is the number of operating theatre fire incidents reported in St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust for the period 2010-2018? Please provide a breakdown for each year.
- 2) Can you please include a breakdown of the type of operating theatre fire incidents for the period 2010-2018, broken down by each year and characterised as follows:
  - a. chemical ignition
  - b. chemical related
  - c. diathermy related
  - d. equipment related
  - e. other

reported in St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust? Please provide a breakdown for each year.

- 3) What is the number of operating theatre fire incidents related to alcoholic skin preparation agents specifically reported in St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust's for the period 2010-2018? Please provide a breakdown for each year.

- 4) Can you please include additional details on the number of operating theatre fire incidents that resulted in an injury for the patient, i.e. burn reported in St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust for the period 2010-2018? Please provide a breakdown for each year.
- 5) Can you please describe what prevention protocols are in place to avoid operating theatre fire accidents in St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust? Please attach a copy of any protocols.
- 6) Does St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust provide any prevention training courses for operating theatre healthcare professionals on operating theatre fire incidents? If so please provide details.

## RESPONSE

### **In response to Q 1-4:-**

There are no reports of fires in the operating theatres in St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust for the period 2010-2018.

### **In response to Q5-6**

The Trust has a Fire Policy which describes the fire prevention protocols in place this includes:-

- Fire Risk assessments
- Fire Wardens
- Local Fire Evacuation Procedures
- Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan
- Responsible Persons
- Compliance with Regulations

All Trust staff are required to attend Corporate Induction when they commence employment and then to undertake refresher training every 2 years as part of mandatory training. Other prevention training courses include:-

- Evacuation Training
- Fire Warden Training
- Local Induction Training

The Fire Policy and Corporate Induction Training Presentation are attached.



FirePolicy.pdf



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