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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4986**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 09th December 2021.

Your request was as follows:

1) Please tell me for the years a) 2019/20 and b) 2020/21 the number and, where available, rate of patient safety incidents reported within the trust.

a) During 2019-2020 there was a total number of 3144 incidents and 1139 were patient safety incidents.

b) During 2020-2021 there was a total number of 3139 incidents and 1387 were patient safety incidents.

2) Please provide separately for a) 2019/20 and b) 2020/21 the number and percentage of the patient safety incidents from question 1 that resulted in severe harm or death

For context, I read in this NHS Improvement document on page 20 that trusts are required to record the above information.

([https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/De-tailed\\_requirements\\_for\\_quality\\_report\\_-update.pdf](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/De-tailed_requirements_for_quality_report_-update.pdf))

a) 3 Incidents resulted in severe harm during 2019-20.

b) 2 Incidents resulted in severe harm during 2020-21.

3) Please provide me with a brief overview of the FIRST FIVE patient safety incidents in 2020/21 that resulted in severe harm or death (i.e. the incidents identified in question 2b above), withholding any identifying information that would run into a Section 40 exemption.

If the information for 2020/21 is not yet available, or if there were zero incidents in 2020/21, please provide me with a summary of the first five incidents from 2019/20 instead.

A brief overview for the 2 above incidents for 2020-21 were:

Displaced tracheostomy

Unexpected death

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

*Mike Burns*

**Mr. Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information**