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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6141

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 26th January 2024.

Your request was as follows:

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

[I can confirm the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust do not employ any Physician Associates.](#)

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.

[N/A](#)

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).

[N/A](#)

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

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and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 6141 in any future communications.

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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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