

Title: Staffing Incidents / Pressure Sores

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

This freedom of information request is being sent to all NHS hospital trusts in the UK about two separate topics. If applicable to your trust, we would like you to retrieve information from the Datix system (or comparable system) for incident reporting into the NHS National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS).

- Please could you tell us how many incidents were logged relating to staffing issues in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to date). The category on the Datix system for this is, we understand, "staffing/inappropriate skills mix" although this may differ between trusts. Please could you break these down by degree of harm (i.e. No harm, low, moderate, severe, death) as set out in the table below.*

Answer: Please see table below representing Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Eastern & Northern Services). The data provided is inclusive of 1st January 2018 to 14th November 2022.

In accordance with Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients/staff is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients/staff and breach Caldicott principles.

In these cases ≤ 5 is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed. Please note that if only one cell required suppression, at least one other number has been suppressed to avoid calculation of suppressed values from the totals. (if information presented in table format with totals)

This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients/staff and should not be published.

STAFFING/INAPPROPRIATE SKILLS MIX (or similar)						
		<i>No harm</i>	<i>Minor</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Severe</i>	<i>Death</i>
Trust (Eastern & Northern Services)	<i>2018</i>	414	153	0	0	0
	<i>2019</i>	488	100	0	0	0
	<i>2020</i>	452	114	0	0	0
	<i>2021</i>	369	183	≤ 5	0	0
	<i>2022 (to 14th November)</i>	427	312	≤ 5	0	0

2. Please could you tell us how many incidents were logged relating to pressure ulcers (or sores) in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to date). It appears a number of Trusts record two different categories of pressure sores – one for community-acquired sores and the other for hospital-acquired. If possible please could you report these numbers separately. If that is not possible, then please combine both figures and make us aware of this. Please could you again break the data down by degree of harm (i.e. No harm, low, moderate, severe, death or similar).
 Answer: Please see tables below:

PRESSURE ULCERS/SORES - COMMUNITY ACQUIRED						
		<i>No harm</i>	<i>Minor</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Severe</i>	<i>Death</i>
Trust (Eastern & Northern Services)	<i>2018</i>	54	1,655	109	≤5	0
	<i>2019</i>	33	1,700	124	≤5	0
	<i>2020</i>	24	1,820	33	≤5	0
	<i>2021</i>	27	1,973	29	≤5	0
	<i>2022 (to 14th November)</i>	43	1,359	19	0	0

PRESSURE ULCERS/SORES - HOSPITAL/TRUST ACQUIRED						
		<i>No harm</i>	<i>Minor</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Severe</i>	<i>Death</i>
Trust (Eastern & Northern Services)	<i>2018</i>	92	1,126	41	≤5	0
	<i>2019</i>	59	1,167	41	0	0
	<i>2020</i>	28	1,478	17	0	0
	<i>2021</i>	71	1,576	10	0	0
	<i>2022 (14th November)</i>	64	1,066	24	0	0