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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked:

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;

We do not have a reporting category on our Datix system for “failure to act upon test results” and therefore we do not consider that we hold the information for the first part of the question that you raise. In order to provide this information, we would need to review in detail a wider selection of incidents reported on Datix under the category “No action or delayed action on results”. However, under the FOI Act, we are not required to apply intellectual analysis in order to satisfy a request.

How many of these were reported as serious incidents; and please provide a breakdown by therapeutic areas in which these failures occurred.

StEIS2 is the only system which is able to provide the answer you have requested in relation to “failure to act upon test results” as this was a specific reporting category. StEIS2 operated 1 April 2013 until 19 May 2015. During this period, there was only one incident reported. This occurred in our Trauma and Orthopaedics directorate.

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;

We do not have a reporting category on our Datix system for “suboptimal care” and therefore we do not consider that we hold the information for the first part of the question that you raise. In order to provide this information, we would need to review in detail all our incidents reported on Datix. However, under the FOI Act, we are not required to apply intellectual analysis in order to satisfy a request.

How many of these were reported as serious incidents; and please provide a breakdown by therapeutic areas in which these incidents occurred.

Both StEIS2 and StEIS3 have a reporting category of “suboptimal care”, so we have been able to extract the following information:-

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= 1 (2014) - Obstetrics
 = 1 (2016) – Acute Medicine

3. How many **delayed diagnoses** were recorded in your trust in: a) 2013/14, b) 2014/15 and c) 2015/16;

We have a category on our Datix system for “diagnosis – delayed diagnosis” and the reported incidents are:-

a)	2013/14	=	31
b)	2014/15	=	40
c)	2015/16	=	56
	<u>Total</u>	=	<u>127</u>

How many of these were reported as serious incidents; and please provide a breakdown by therapeutic areas in which these delayed diagnoses occurred?

StEIS 2 and StEIS 3 do not have a category for “delayed diagnosis” and we are therefore unable to answer this question as the information is not held on StEIS in this way.

4. How many surgical errors were recorded in your trust in: a) 2013/14, b) 2014/15 and c) 2015/16;

We do not have a reporting category on our Datix system for “surgical errors” and therefore we do not consider that we hold the information for the first part of the question that you raise. In order to provide this information, we would need to review in detail a wide selection of incidents reported on Datix. However, under the FOI Act, we are not required to apply intellectual analysis in order to satisfy a request.

How many of these were reported as serious incidents?

Within the StEIS2, there is a category called “surgical errors”. From the StEIS system, we have extracted:-

2013/14	=	1
2014/15	=	6

However, StEIS 3, does not have a category called “surgical errors” and we are therefore unable to provide you with the answer to the 2015/16 data.

5. How many incidents involving child abuse within your trust were recorded in: a) 2013/14, b) 2014/15 and c) 2015/16;

We do not have a reporting category on our Datix system for “child abuse” and therefore we do not consider that we hold the information for the first part of the question that you raise. In order to provide this information, we would need to review in detail a wider selection of incidents reported on Datix under the category such as “Vulnerable child” but that is very different to “child abuse”. However, under the FOI Act, we are not required to apply intellectual analysis in order to satisfy a request.

How many of these were reported as serious incidents?

Not applicable as we are unable to answer the first part of your question.

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; How many of these were reported as serious incidents?

As explained in our answers to the other questions posed in the request, due to the way incidents are categorised and recorded, from the StEIS 3 system, there was one incident

recorded as a serious incident in June 2015 under the category "Abuse/alleged abuse of a child patient by a third party"

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I hope you find this information useful, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster

Chief Executive

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