

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning the numbers of Serious Untoward Incidents (SUIs) which occurred in Accident and Emergency departments.

1. **The numbers of Serious Untoward Incidents (SUIs) which occurred in Accident and Emergency departments reported by NHS trusts during the last five years.**

Please provide a breakdown by individual A&E department and a monthly breakdown by calendar year.

I would like the numbers of incidents by category as recorded on the STEIS system (eg. 'Homicide, Accident Whilst in Hospital etc.), as well as the overall total.

If the number of incidents in a particular category is five or less, I am happy for an asterisk (*) to be used, so as to avoid any risk of patient confidentiality being compromised because of the small number. However, I would like these incidents still to be included in the total numbers by Trust and category and in the overall total.

For the period from 01/04/2008 to 31/03/2013- there were 13 SUI reported as A&E (lots of these were detected in A&E rather than happening there).

There are less than 5 in any given month and less than 5 in any category- for this reason the Trust is not able to provide any other information as this may lead to patient confidentiality being compromised.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at foi@homerton.nhs.uk, in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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