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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference:** Patient  
Harm Events

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold some of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our apologies for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response		Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. The number of staff employed in each of the following clinical roles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doctor (all grades, Physician or surgeon)</li> <li>• Nurse</li> <li>• Nursing Associate</li> <li>• Pharmacist</li> <li>• Advanced Nurse Practitioner/ Advanced Care Practitioner</li> <li>• Physician Associate</li> <li>• Dentist</li> <li>• Midwife</li> <li>• Healthcare Assistant</li> <li>• Paramedic</li> <li>• Physiotherapist</li> <li>• Other healthcare professionals</li> </ul>	Role	Substantive Staff Headcount			
	Doctor (all grades, Physician or surgeon)	771			
	Nurse	1660			
	Nursing Associate	18			
	Pharmacist	50			
	Advanced Nurse Practitioner/ Advanced Care Practitioner	17			
	Physician Associate	0			
	Dentist	2			
	Midwife	176			
	Healthcare Assistant	806			
	Paramedic	3			
	Physiotherapist	108			
	Other healthcare professionals	288			

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<p>2. The number of patient harm events categorised by the level of harm (as defined by NHS England) for each clinical role between 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2023? Please complete table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doctor (all grades, Physician or surgeon)</li> <li>• Nurse</li> <li>• Nursing Associate</li> <li>• Pharmacist</li> <li>• Advanced Nurse Practitioner/ Advanced Care Practitioner</li> <li>• Physician Associate</li> <li>• Dentist</li> <li>• Midwife</li> <li>• Healthcare Assistant</li> <li>• Paramedic</li> <li>• Physiotherapist</li> <li>• Other healthcare professionals</li> </ul>	Information not held in the format specific to roles.			
<p>3. The number of harm events identified through different methods (e.g., internal Trust investigations, Coroner's investigations, regulatory bodies, etc.).</p>		Yes	Section 12	Section 12 of the Act allows the Trust to refuse to deal with any requests where we estimate that responding to the request would exceed the cost limit. We have identified that question 3 will

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<p>Please complete the table 01.01.2018 - 31.12.2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal Trust investigations</li> <li>• External investigations by the Coroner</li> <li>• External investigations by regulatory bodies (e.g., NMC, GMC, HCPC)</li> <li>• Other external organisations (Please specify)</li> </ul>			<p>exceed the cost limit. For public authorities the cost limit is £450 (18 hours). If responding to one part of a request would exceed the cost limit, we do not have to provide a response to any other parts of the request. Therefore, the estimated cost of processing your request is £2,987.50. This charge has been calculated in accordance with section 13 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Freedom of Information Fees Regulations.</p> <p>In order to locate this information, we would need to review individual cases for the last 5 years. Just based on the coroners investigations there would be 478 cases to review. We have estimated that we can locate and review 4 cases per hour. We estimate that the cost of satisfying your request will be £2,987.50 (478 x 15min = 119.5 hours, 119.5 hours x £25 per hour).</p> <p>Under section 16 of the Act we are obliged to advise you to refine your request to narrow the scope in order to bring it within the appropriate limit. Can we suggest that the timescales for question 3 are reduced, for example, to a calendar month. If the timescales are reduced to</p>
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				<p>a month, the Trust will be able to respond to this final question. If you are unable to reduce the scope of the request the Trust will be unable to respond to this question until the fee is paid. If you wish to proceed with this request the fee will need to be paid within three calendar months. If the fee is not received by this date, I shall take it that you do not wish to pursue this request and will consider the request closed.</p>
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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email [sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net](mailto:sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net).

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 1231113, email [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk).

If you would like this letter or information in an alternative format, for example large print or easy read, or if you need help with communicating with us, for example because you use British Sign Language, please let us know. You can call us on 01623 672232 or email [sfh-tr.foi.requests@nhs.net](mailto:sfh-tr.foi.requests@nhs.net).

Yours faithfully

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