

Title

Patient Misidentification

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

I am making a Freedom of Information request for the following:

The number of Datix incidents logged involving patient misidentification, broken down by category of harm if possible, for each of the five following calendar years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

If the trust did not or has stopped using Datix during this time period, please would you also provide details of incidents involving patient misidentification reported on any equivalent safety reporting system used by the trust.

	Harm - None	Harm - Minor
2019	89	10
2020	81	14
2021	94	9
2022	139	11
2023	239	24
2024	32	*<5

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Please note that in accordance with Section 40 (2) where activity is 5 or less than 5, the Trust is unable to provide the exact information. We consider the data exempt on the following grounds:

The Trust considers that disclosure of the information risks identifying individuals. The reason for this is that the number of patients for which this applies is very low. This and the fact that the data requested relates to the RDUH Health NHS Trust only and therefore relates to patients treated in a specific location (rather than covering a larger geographical area), increases the risk of identification or self-identification.

The Trust's view is that s.40(2) is applicable because disclosure of information which could lead to a patient being identified would be a breach of the patient's rights under the Data Protection Act Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the GDPR, namely Principle 1.