

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-547	30 th November 2022
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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).

- 1. 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 or similar) as set out in the table below.**

STAFFING/INAPPROPRIATE SKILLS MIX (or similar)

Year	No harm	Low	Moderate	Severe	Death
2018	357	29	8	0	0
2019	420	41	13	0	0
2020	445	32	12	0	0
2021	520	61	35	6	0
2022 (to date)	353	186	76	16	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).**

Some Trusts record different grades of pressure ulcer. In this case please could you combine those into one overall figure.

PRESSURE ULCERS/SORES – COMMUNITY ACQUIRED

Year	No harm	Low	Moderate	Severe	Death
2018	47	3048	1220	57	0
2019	18	3282	1242	38	0
2020	34	2926	1186	45	0
2021	53	3191	1251	45	0
2022 (to date)	583	2389	859	51	0

***PRESSURE ULCERS/SORES – HOSPITAL/TRUST ACQUIRED**

Year	No harm	Low	Moderate	Severe	Death
2018	8	1240	511	<5	0
2019	<5	1120	631	<5	0
2020	<5	1185	735	14	0
2021	<5	1269	704	16	0
2022 (to date)	144	1385	419	13	0

* Please note that Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied. The Health Board will not provide the reason or exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). The Health Board believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.