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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 210131.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with responses to the following:

A list of all Serious Incidents Requiring Investigation (these include all incidents recorded as SIRIs or SIs and also including anything still referred to as a "never event" or "serious untoward incidents") that occurred in the service concerning a patient with suspected coronavirus, since the beginning of March 23rd 2020. Please provide a log of this information, broken down by date, location (not address), a brief description of what happened (e.g. ambulance arrival 2 hours late for category 1 incident, covid infection of x number of staff etc) including the outcome or consequence for the patient, and any investigation outcome known.

In Scotland these are known as Significant Adverse Event Reviews (SAERs), please provide a response accordingly. For clarification on SIRIs in England, the terms 'serious incident requiring investigation (SIRI)', 'serious incident (SI)' or 'serious untoward incident (SUI)' are often used interchangeably. This NHS England document may be helpful: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/serious-incident-framwrk-upd.pdf>

I have attached an example of a previous SIRI/SI response as a guide for a response. Please send me the data requested in the form of an Excel spreadsheet or as a csv file, using the template provided.

If you are able to supply some of this information more quickly than other items, please supply each item when you can rather than delay everything until it is all available.

Please see attached as requested.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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