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Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 240308.

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

**Could you please send me the following information for the past 5 years.
What is the sickness absence rate for your staff due to MSK's?**

MSK sickness absence rate for the Trust (01/03/19 – 29/02/24) is 0.54%

What is sickness absence rate over the past 5 years for A&E division staff?

MSK sickness absence rate over the past 5 years (01/03/19 – 29/02/24) for A&E division staff is 0.79%

A&E Division staff relates to anyone within organisational level 4 "Operations – A&E" which includes "Admin & Management" and all Operating Units (OUs).

This therefore includes all Operational Team Leaders (OTLs) Operations Managers (OMs), and frontline operational staff. This would exclude HART and Critical Care.

What is the incident rate per month for manual handling over this period?

Please see table below.

How many of the incidents reported were RIDDOR reportable?

Date	Manual Handling incidents reported	Number of RIDDOR Reported due to Manual Handling incidents
January 2019	23	Less than 10
February 2019	24	Less than 10
March 2019	29	Less than 10
April 2019	35	Less than 10
May 2019	29	Less than 10
June 2019	28	Less than 10
July 2019	24	Less than 10
August 2019	26	Less than 10
September 2019	28	Less than 10
October 2019	28	Less than 10
November 2019	29	Less than 10
December 2019	28	Less than 10
January 2020	27	Less than 10
February 2020	29	Less than 10
March 2020	24	Less than 10
April 2020	12	Less than 10
May 2020	34	Less than 10
June 2020	22	Less than 10
July 2020	46	Less than 10
August 2020	31	Less than 10
September 2020	26	Less than 10
October 2020	29	11
November 2020	26	Less than 10
December 2020	25	Less than 10
January 2021	30	Less than 10
February 2021	32	Less than 10
March 2021	22	Less than 10
April 2021	17	Less than 10
May 2021	43	10
June 2021	28	Less than 10
July 2021	35	Less than 10
August 2021	33	Less than 10
September 2021	36	Less than 10
October 2021	28	Less than 10
November 2021	29	Less than 10
December 2021	26	Less than 10
January 2022	23	Less than 10
February 2022	28	Less than 10
March 2022	28	Less than 10
April 2022	22	Less than 10

May 2022	23	Less than 10
June 2022	22	Less than 10
July 2022	16	Less than 10
August 2022	41	10
September 2022	35	11
October 2022	36	Less than 10
November 2022	26	Less than 10
December 2022	37	Less than 10
January 2023	31	Less than 10
February 2023	31	Less than 10
March 2023	24	Less than 10
April 2023	25	Less than 10
May 2023	32	Less than 10
June 2023	34	Less than 10
July 2023	23	Less than 10
August 2023	26	Less than 10
September 2023	25	Less than 10
October 2023	30	Less than 10
November 2023	24	Less than 10
December 2023	21	Less than 10

Less than 10, we are unable to provide exact numbers as this could be identifiable to individuals.

The list of manual handling related equipment carried on the standard emergency ambulances (transfer boards, Mangar Elk, slide sheets etc)?

- Ambulance trolley
- Tail lift on Mercedes DCAs
- Ramp and winch on Fiat DCAs
- Carrying chair (with removable tracks)
- Scoop stretcher
- Slide sheets
- Longboard
- 1x Turntable
- 1x Banana Board
- 1x Sliding Board
- 2x Manual Handling Belts (or 1 plus 1x extension)
- 1x Blue handled Slide Sheets

- 2x Disposable Slide Sheets
- Mangar Elk

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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