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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/12/25.

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

**Please may I have data on adverse incidents/DATIXs/IR1s, during which the patient suffered some harm. (any level of harm, from minimal to death, from November 2017 to November 2018. Also Can I have the same data from November 2016 to November 2017.**

**The dates are flexible, but as 'full years' (12 month periods), up to the most recent month that you have full data for.**

Please see table below:

Month	Total
Nov 16	28
Dec 16	37
Jan 17	47
Feb 17	32
Mar 17	37
Apr 17	31
May 17	35
Jun 17	42
Jul 17	59
Aug 17	72
Sep 17	50
Oct 17	35
Nov 17	50
Dec 17	56
Jan 18	49
Feb 18	43
Mar 18	47
Apr 18	37
May 18	36
Jun 18	35
Jul 18	45

Aug 18	26
Sep 18	26
Oct 18	19

**If possible, may you please include the times of day the incidents occurred in, and how many were serious incidents.**

Serious Incidents: events in health care where the potential for learning is so great, or the consequences to patients, families and carers, staff or organisations are so significant, that they warrant using additional resources to mount a comprehensive response. Serious Incidents include an act or omission that results in; unexpected or avoidable death, unexpected or avoidable injury resulting in serious harm (including those where the injury required treatment to prevent death or serious harm).

Please note that the raising of a Serious Incident does not in itself indicate harm. We encourage staff to report all incidents, whether they result in harm or not. This helps ensure that we learn from the outcomes of a thorough investigation.

Please note that these degrees of harm are not outlining any causes of death, which would be for a coroner to determine, but the level of harm established by the investigation.

Please see table below showing total Serious Incidents declared each month from November 2016 – October 2018

Month	Total Serious Incidents
Nov 16	4
Dec 16	4
Jan 17	4
Feb 17	8
Mar 17	10
Apr 17	5
May 17	6
Jun 17	7
Jul 17	8
Aug 17	10
Sep 17	14
Oct 17	6
Nov 17	5
Dec 17	7
Jan 18	22
Feb 18	6
Mar 18	12
Apr 18	17
May 18	6
Jun 18	10
Jul 18	9
Aug 18	8

Sep 18	8
Oct 18	2

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, Information Governance Lead via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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