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Date: 22/07/2024

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act

2000. **Request**

I am writing with a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, I would like to ask:

1. According to your records, in the financial years 2022/23 and 23/24 (as of 07.03.24), on how many occasions did either a Physician Associate or Anaesthesia Associate prescribe/attempt to prescribe medication to a patient at your trust? Please provide a breakdown by year.
2. According to your records, in the financial years 2022/23 and 23/24 (as of 07.03.24), on how many occasions did either a Physician Associate or Anaesthesia Associate request a scan that involves ionising radiation for a patient at your trust? Please provide a breakdown by year.
3. If it does not exceed the cost threshold, in the financial years 2022/23 and 23/24 (as of 07.03.24), how many incidents were recorded on Datix (or equivalent system) relating to the actions Physician Associates or Anaesthesia Associates? Please provide a breakdown by year.

Response

<p>1. According to your records, in the financial years 2022/23 and 23/24 (as of 07.03.24), on how many occasions did either a Physician Associate or Anaesthesia Associate prescribe/attempt to prescribe medication to a patient at your trust? Please provide a breakdown by year.</p>	<p>The role-based access control policy does not permit PA or AA prescribing within the EPMA Systems; therefore, we do not have data showcasing access attempts.</p>
<p>2. According to your records, in the financial years 2022/23 and 23/24 (as of 07.03.24), on how</p>	

<p>many occasions did either a Physician Associate or Anaesthesia Associate request a scan that involves ionising radiation for a patient at your trust? Please provide a breakdown by year.</p>	<p>The data we hold on who orders scans is by GMC registration code, but the data we hold on employees positions is by Assignment Number and there is no way to accurately marry the two datasets together, therefore we are unfortunately unable to answer this question.</p>
<p>3. If it does not exceed the cost threshold, in the financial years 2022/23 and 23/24 (as of 07.03.24), how many incidents were recorded on Datix (or equivalent system) relating to the actions Physician Associates or Anaesthesia Associates? Please provide a breakdown by year.</p>	<p>0</p>

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team
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