

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/010874**

With reference to your FOI request that was received on 12/05/2011 in connection with 'Adverse Incident - Drugs

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is listed below.

**Question-**

- 1) How many 'drug errors' have been made by staff in the past 12 months (April 2010 - April 2011) and how many were made in the previous 12 months (April 2009 - April 2010)?
- 2) For each year (2010/11 and 2009/10), how many drug errors were classed as 'adverse events' and how many as 'near misses.'
- 3) For each year, what drugs were involved and how many errors were made with each type of drug?
- 4) For each year, how many patients suffered 'low harm', 'moderate harm' or 'severe harm' and how many were adults and how many children?
- 5) For each year, how many patients died due to drug errors and how many of these were adults and how many children?

**Reply:-**

For each year attached, there have been no deaths due to drug errors.

From the 1.1.2011 the Trust started to use the Datix system to collect incident information, hence the differing style of reports for the previous years.

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Your request to specify the drugs concerned are documented on individual paper reports. An exercise to retrieve all of the documents listed on the attached reports and review the information for the named drugs would unfortunately take much longer than 18 hours as they are held in departments across the Trust that originally reported the incident

**Please also see attached documents (3)**

Further information about your rights is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

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