

FOI 030/2022 Request

Please provide MEDICATION ERRORS information under the FOI act to the following questions: -

1. Please supply any MEDICATION ERRORS reports/investigations

The Trust is unable to provide a response to this question as obtaining the requested data will require exhaustive and manual measures which exceeds the threshold of carrying out this task.

The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 12 to refuse this aspect of your request.

2. How many MEDICATION ERRORS in 2021?

324

The number above is pertaining to the number of patients mentioned in an incident report where medication administration was cited as the cause.

3. What proportion of patients were men/women?

Gender	Incidents
F	133
M	145
Unknown	46

4. How old were they?

Age Group	Incidents
< 20	19
21 - 30	47
31 - 40	72
41 - 50	60
51 - 60	37
> 60	43
Unknown/Not Recorded	46

5.What proportion of patients were classified people of the global majority or racialised communities ("POC / BAME")?

Ethnicity	Incidents
A - British - White	151
B - Irish – White	8
C - Other White - White	6
D - White & Black Caribbean - Mixed	13
E - White & Black African - Mixed	3
F - White & Asian - Mixed	1
G - Other Mixed - Mixed	2
H - Indian - Asian Or Asian British	8
J - Pakistani - Asian Or Asian British	17
K -Bangladeshi - Asian Or Asian British	7
L - Other Asian - Asian Or Asian British	14
M - Black Caribbean - Black Or Black British	25
N - Black African - Black Or Black British	9
P - Other Black - Black Or Black British	1
R - Chinese - Other Ethnic	1
S - Other Ethnic Category - Other Ethnic	4
U – Arab	1
Not Stated/Not Recorded	53

6.How many MEDICATION ERRORS were investigated outside the NHS and CCG?

Requested information is not captured within our system.

7.How many patients died during or 1 month after MEDICATION ERRORS and what was the cause (whether or not MEDICATION ERRORS was considered the cause)?

1 patient died of a suspected suicide in 2021 1 month after a medication administration related incident (whether or not the medication error was considered the cause).

8.How many patients died within 6 months after MEDICATION ERRORS and what was the cause (whether or not MEDICATION ERRORS was considered the cause)?

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Cause of Death	Count
Natural Cause / Clinical Condition	2
Suspected Suicide	1
Unknown Cause	2

Number of patients who died within 6 months of following a medication administration related incident. This table also includes deaths from question 7.

Note the incident involving a medication error and a death can be mutually exclusive.

9.How many patients died by suicide within 6 months of receiving MEDICATION ERRORS (whether or not MEDICATION ERRORS was considered the cause)?

No patients died by suicide in 2021, 6 months after a medication administration related incident. The 1 incident where a patient death was marked as a suspected suicide was given a narrative verdict by the coroner.

10.How many patients have suffered complications during and after MEDICATION ERRORS and what were those complications?

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11.Have there been any formal complaints from patients/relatives about MEDICATION ERRORS?

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12.If so, what was their concerns?

Please refer to our response in question 11.

13.How does the Trust plan to prevent MEDICATION ERRORS in the future?

Please refer to the attachments and note that an exemption Section 40 has been applied to the documents.

This therefore means that personal information such as staff members names have been redacted from the attachments.