

FOI 0209/2021 Response

For the purposes of this request a critical haemorrhage incident is defined as:

“A major haemorrhage, normally from an artery, which is likely to result in death within a period of time that may be as short as minutes, because of the rapid internal or external loss of circulating blood volume.”

Q1: The number of instances of Critical Haemorrhage Incidents the trust dealt with in 2020/2021 & 2021/2022 (if financial limits are likely to be hit please contact me before refusal) please include incidents regardless of who they effected (Patients, Staff, Volunteers, Visitors & Contractors)

None

Q2: Does BSMHFT have equipment to deal with critical haemorrhage available in wards and other patient areas? If so can you provide a list of this equipment? By equipment I mean Tourniquets, Trauma/Israeli Dressings (not first aid/ambulance dressings) & Haemostatics.

BSMHFT Immediate Life Support bags (which are in all inpatient settings) contain trauma dressing, CAT tourniquet and haemostatic gauze.

Our Emergency Life Support bags (which are in community settings) contain a trauma dressing.

Q3: If Critical Haemorrhage Equipment is available do you ensure staff are trained in it's use? If so which staff is this training accessible too (e.g. Registered Health Care Professional's only, All clinical staff to include HCA's/Support workers, All Staff)

Catastrophic bleeding is covered in Emergency Life Support Training, which all face to face clinical staff attend along with First Aid at Work training and we also have a bespoke catastrophic bleeding training that can be utilised in any clinical area where the need is identified.