

**Freedom of Information Act 2000****The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request****Date Request Received: 08 November 2024      FOI Ref No: 26911****Requested Information:**

- 1) For the financial years 19/20, 20/21, 21/22, 22/23, 23/24 and 24/25, please could you detail the number of significant events and never events that were recorded across your NHS Trust? For clarity, we are using the definitions of 'significant' and 'never' events as published by NHS England. Please provide a breakdown of the number of recorded events for each category
- 2) For each financial year, please also provide a breakdown of the number of 'significant' and 'never' events which involved a physician/anaesthesia associate
- 3) For each financial year, please detail the number of doctors, nurses and physician/anaesthesia associates employed at your trust

**Response:**

- 1)
  - a. 2019/2020 = 0
  - b. 2020/21 = 9  
Wrong site surgery = 5  
Retained foreign object = 2  
Wrong implant = 1  
Wrong route of medication = 1
  - c. 2021/2022 = 1  
Medication
  - d. 2022/2023 = 1  
Retained foreign object
  - e. 2023/2024 = 3  
Wrong site surgery = 2  
Wrong implant = 1
  - f. 2024/2025 = 2  
Retained foreign object  
Wrong implant

Significant Events (RCHT were an early adopter of the Patient Safety Incident Response Framework (PSIRF) and on the 1 December 2021, stopped reporting Serious Incidents as per the new framework)

1 April 2019 to 31 December 2020

	2019/2020	2020/2021
Abuse / alleged abuse of adult patient by staff	5	0
Abuse / alleged abuse of adult patient by third party	1	0
Abuse / alleged abuse of child patient by staff	1	0
Abuse / alleged abuse of child patient by third party	2	1
Apparent / actual / suspected homicide meeting SI criteria	1	0
Confidential information leak / information governance breach meeting SI criteria	1	0
Diagnostic incident including delay meeting SI criteria (including failure to act on test results)	2	2
Disruptive / aggressive / violent behaviour meeting SI criteria	0	1
Environmental incident meeting SI criteria	2	2
Apparent / actual / suspected self-inflicted harm meeting SI criteria	0	1
HCAI / Infection control incident meeting SI criteria	1	1
Major incident / emergency preparedness, resilience and response / suspension of services	0	1
Maternity / obstetric incident meeting SI criteria: baby only	17	4
Maternity / obstetric incident meeting SI criteria: mother and baby	0	1
Maternity / obstetric incident meeting SI criteria: mother only	0	2
Medication incident meeting SI criteria	5	3
Pressure ulcer meeting SI criteria	6	0
Slips / trips / falls meeting SI criteria	17	12
Sub-optimal care of the deteriorating patient meeting SI criteria	3	2
Surgical / invasive procedure incident meeting SI criteria	4	7
Treatment delay / meeting SI criteria	32	15
VTE meeting SI criteria	5	7
Total	105	62

1 December 2021 to 3 December 2024

- 2) Please be advised that we are unable to identify the role of the staff member due to the way in which the information is recorded, the incidents are reported using a staff name, not a job title, we are therefore unable to comply with this part of your request

3)

Staff Grouper	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 (Oct-24)
Doctors	802	877	898	943	1005	1081
Nursing and Midwifery	1701	1786	1782	1806	1873	1960
Physician Associate	7	7	6	5	8	8
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2510</b>	<b>2670</b>	<b>2686</b>	<b>2754</b>	<b>2886</b>	<b>3049</b>

**Attachment(s):**

None

**Date Response sent:**