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Subject: Needle stick injuries & subcutaneous infusions

REQUEST & RESPONSE

Freedom of Information Request

1. What is the size of the Trust in terms of number of beds:

Number of beds	942
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2. Please provide the number of needle stick (sharps) injuries reported within the Trust for the following NHS years:

NHS Year (April to March)	Number of reported needle stick (sharps) injuries
April 2017 – March 2018	362
April 2018 – March 2019	296
April 2019 – March 2020	199

3. How many subcutaneous (SC) infusion procedures were conducted by your trust in the following NHS years:

NHS Year (April to March)	Number of SC procedures:
April 2017 – March 2018	5
April 2018 – March 2019	Less than 5*
April 2019 – March 2020	Less than 5*

* **Please note:** We are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection

principle. This states that personal data should be processed “lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner”. It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.