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Subject: Patient Safety Incidents

## REQUEST

Can I request the number of patient safety incidents that resulted in a severe or death degree of harm to the patients (as defined by NHS England [here](#)) and what month and year they took place from 2010 to present please.

Can I also have these as two separate figures - one for severe and one for death - and a figure of how many deaths there were in total as an incident can refer to more than one death.

## RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023. As such, information for these two Trusts has been merged to provide a singular response for Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

Year	Severity of Harm	Total
2023*	Severe (Permanent or long-term harm)	22
	Death	9
2022	Severe (Permanent or long-term harm)	53
	Death	18
2021	Severe (Permanent or long-term harm)	29
	Death	18
2020	Severe (Permanent or long-term harm)	63
	Death	21
2019	Severe (Permanent or long-term harm)	35
	Death	10
2018	Severe (Permanent or long-term harm)	55
	Death	22
2017	Severe (Permanent or long-term harm)	29
	Death	11
2016	Severe (Permanent or long-term harm)	43
	Death	23

Year	Severity of Harm	Total
2015	Severe (Permanent or long-term harm)	43
	Death	17
2014**	Severe (Permanent or long-term harm)	16
	Death	11
2013**	Severe (Permanent or long-term harm)	2
	Death	3
2012**	Severe (Permanent or long-term harm)	11
	Death	6
2011**	Severe (Permanent or long-term harm)	6
	Death	4
2010**	Severe (Permanent or long-term harm)	7
	Death	4

\* Information is accurate up to August 2023.

\*\* Please note that data captured prior to May 2014 pertains only to St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.