



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

**Request Ref: NGFOI 16/17: 18**

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 08.04.16.

I am pleased that we are now able to provide you with a response to your request as shown below.

You requested the following information:

- a) *The number of serious untoward incidents (SUIs) recorded by the Trust for the reporting period 2011-2012. The data should be provided so that it is clear how many of these incidents were recorded at each of the establishments (hospitals or other medical establishments) operated by the Trust.*
- b) *The number of serious untoward incidents (SUIs) recorded by the Trust for the reporting period 2012-2013. The data should be provided so that it is clear how many of these incidents were recorded at each of the establishments (hospitals or other medical establishments) operated by the Trust.*
- c) *The number of serious untoward incidents (SUIs) recorded by the Trust for the reporting period 2013-2014. The data should be provided so that it is clear how many of these incidents were recorded at each of the establishments (hospitals or other medical establishments) operated by the Trust.*
- d) *The number of serious untoward incidents (SUIs) recorded by the Trust for the reporting period 2015-2015. The data should be provided so that it is clear how many of these incidents were recorded at each of the establishments (hospitals or other medical establishments) operated by the Trust.*

*If you are unable to establish how many SUIs were recorded at each of the establishments (hospitals or other medical establishments) under the control of the Trust for one of multiple of the above periods, please provide the total figure for the Trust as a whole, for the period/s.*

**Response from Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH):**

In providing the figures in the tables below the Trust has defined the search criteria as **Serious Incidents** reported via the Strategic Executive Information System (STEIS). The figures include incidents that were later downgraded to non-serious incident status following investigation.

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| a) 2011/12 | 55  |
| b) 2012/13 | 77  |
| c) 2013/14 | 115 |
| d) 2014/15 | 89  |

The increase in the numbers of reported Serious Incidents is directly attributable to pressure ulcers incidents. All pressure ulcers assessed as being grade 2 or higher are recorded as a clinical incident and reported on the Trust risk management system (Datix). All Pressure ulcers which are graded by the clinical staff as meeting the criteria for Grade 3 and 4 are reported as Serious Incidents (SI's) and investigated in accordance with Trust Policy. The investigation determines whether the pressure ulcer was avoidable or unavoidable, therefore the information provided includes those incidents which were later found to be unavoidable pressure ulcers.

The figures represent the total figures for the organisation as a whole.