

FOI 2368

9th May 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

- 1. Can the Trust provide a list of categories which fall under its current definition of a 'Never Event'?**

Response:

The Never Event categories are as per the national list at [2018-Never-Events-List-updated-February-2021.pdf \(england.nhs.uk\)](https://www.england.nhs.uk/never-events/2018-never-events-list-updated-february-2021/)

- 2. Can the Trust provide figures on the number of 'Never Events' which have taken place across the Trust in the last five years, broken down by which hospital/facility these occurred in?**

Response:

Never Events which took place across the SHSCT since 1st April 2019 by Hospital is provided below:

Craigavon Area Hospital – 8

Daisy Hill Hospital – 5

Other Sites – <5

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.

- 3. Can the Trust confirm how many, if any, of these 'Never Events' resulted in the death of a patient in the last five years?**

Response:

None of these incidents resulted in Death.

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