

Ref: FOI/2023/9018

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Response Due: 31st July 2023

Date: 14th July 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

If possible, I would like to make an FOI request to obtain the following by email:

1. Yearly incidence of extravasation injury in your trust.

142 incidents were reported over the past 12 months (07/07/2022 to 07/07/2023)

2. The roles and numbers of staff involved in extravasation management per case in your trust.

In regard to extravasation management every clinical member of staff involved in IV therapy is responsible for extravasation management (exact numbers are difficult to define):

- Nursing and medical staff are responsible for the recognition and initial and ongoing management of extravasation injuries.
- Pharmacy staff support in determining the pH and osmolarity of infusions and can support in determining correct management pathways.
- Vascular Access Service (service consists of 2 team members) will review all reported or referred extravasation injuries to ensure policy has been followed, advise on management and potential escalation of injury, and provide ongoing review and support.
- Tissue viability nurses will advise on any wound management as a result of extravasation injuries.

3. Whether your trust has an extravasation treatment algorithm/protocol and what it entails?

The Trust has a policy and SOP for the management of extravasation injuries, a quick reference guide has been devised, approved and is currently being introduced.

The policy explains what extravasation is and what everyone's roles and responsibilities are within the recognition and management of extravasation injuries.

The SOP – details how extravasation injuries are identified and how they are managed – this is a lengthy detailed document providing comprehensive details on the management strategies and the rationale.

The quick reference guide summaries the SOP in an easy-to-follow document highlighting the essential details that must be adhered to.

4. Whether your trust has compulsory DATIX reporting of extravasation injuries?

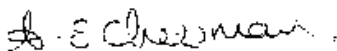
All extravasation injuries must be reported via Datix, this is highlighted within all three documents referenced above.

4. If your trust has compulsory DATIX reporting of extravasation injuries, how many incidents have been reported for the last 5 years (1st January 2018 to 1st January 2023)?

298 incidents have been reported in the timeframe requested.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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