FOI 5616

**Description of request information**

* Clinical staff who have sustained a workplace musculoskeletal disorder (MSD) – 2018 to 2022 whilst undertaking **patient handling** activities in your NHS healthcare organisation

Would it be possible for you to provide the following information?

1.      Number of workplace patient handling injuries per 1000 clinical staff in the Trust?

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| **Year** | **No of Incidents reported** | **Total number of clinical staff FTE** | **Total injuries per 1000 clinical staff** |
| **2018** | 13 | I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested. Therefore we cannot provide this information.  Under the FOIA, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOIA is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOIA does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold. | I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested. Therefore we cannot provide this information.  Under the FOIA, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOIA is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOIA does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold. |
| **2019** | 20 |
| **2020** | 18 |
| **2021** | 20 |
| **2022** | 12 |

2.      Body locations for the reported workplace patient handling MSD’s / injury?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Location** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022 including October** | **Total** |
| **Neck** | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 9 |
| **Upper limb** | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 15 |
| **Lower limb** | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 11 |
| **Acute back pain** | 7 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 29  \*Please note we don’t differentiate on datix the type of back pain. |
| **Chronic back pain** |
| **Muscle strain** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Hips** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Others** | 1 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 19 |

­        Unfortunately, the data in the NHS digital website only refers to S11 back injuries and S12 other MSD’s, which is generalist and not focused on the required workplace caregiver injury due to a patient moving and handling / care activity.

3.      Number of moving and handling lead advisors in the Trust and locations?

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| **Year** | **No of moving and handling lead advisors** |
| **2018** | 1 |
| **2019** | 1 |
| **2020** | 1 |
| **2021** | 1 |
| **2022** | 1 |

4.      Number of moving and handling link facilitators/trainers in each of the clinical environments in the Trust?

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| **Trust** | **Patient Handling** | |
| **Name of hospital site** | **Link facilitators / trainers** | **Assessors** |
| The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust | 9 | 1 |
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5.      Number of RIDDOR reportable workplace patient handling musculoskeletal injury reported in in the Trust?

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| **Year** | **RIDDOR reportable workplace MSD’s / MSKI incidents** |
| **2018** | 2 |
| **2019** | 2 |
| **2020** | 1 |
| **2021** | 3 |
| **2022** | 1 |

6.      Average sickness absence cost including replacement staff due to workplace patient handling musculoskeletal injury reported in in the Trust? \* I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested as we are unable to break the sickness absence down to specifically report on musculoskeletal issues as a result of patient handling. Therefore we cannot provide this information.

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7.      Number of litigation cases made per year in in the Trust?

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| **Year** | **Litigation cases** | **Costs to date** |
| **2018** | 0 | £ 0:00 |
| **2019** | 3 | £ 1701.40 |
| **2020** | 2 | £ 2940.00 |
| **2021** | 1 | £ 0.00 |
| **2022** | 1 | £ 0.00 |

8.      The legal costs to the in the Health Board of defending workplace patient handling caregiver injury claims per year.

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| **Year** | **Litigation cases** | **Legal costs to date** |
| **2018** | 0 | £ 0.00 |
| **2019** | 1 | £ 1701.40 |
| **2020** | 1 | £ 2940.00 |
| **2021** | 0 | £ 0.00 |
| **2022** | 0 | £ 0.00 |

9.      The amount of money paid out in compensation / settlement costs to claimants per calendar year.

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| **Year** | **Compensation / settlement cost to date** |
| **2018** | £ 0.00 |
| **2019** | £ 0.00 |
| **2020** | £ 4000.00 |
| **2021** | £ 0.00 |
| **2022** | £ 0.00 |

10.   How may claims were settled out of court per calendar year in the Trust

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| **Year** | **Number of claims settled out of court** |
| **2018** | 0 |
| **2019** | 2 CLOSED 1 ONGOING |
| **2020** | 2 |
| **2021** | 1 |
| **2022** | 1 |