FOI 3083

Date 17/06/2024

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. I would like to understand the number of reported incidences within the Trust of patient harm or even death because of poor airway management.  These should include:

The Trusts below response refers to incidents that took place between 2020-2023.

* **Damage to a patient's skin when removing the surgical tape used to hold the airway device in place (if tape is used).**

3 reported incidents

* **Skin damage i.e. pressure sores as a result of using cotton ties to secure the airway.**

0 reported incidents

* **Death of a patient as a result of inadvertent movement or extubation whilst maintaining patient comfort.**

0 reported incidents

* **Death or cardiac arrests of patients due to undetected oesophageal intubation.**

0 reported incidents

* **Hospital acquired infection as a result of using tapes that are non-sterile.**

0 reported incidents

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Yours sincerely,

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