FOI 3420

Date 21/11/2024

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:

* A copy of a review carried out into an intermittent equipment issue that affected HbA1C tests at Luton and Dunstable Hospital

At this time we are unable to provide this information. The Trust is conducting an investigation under the Patient Safety Incident Reporting Framework (PSRIF) using a Patient Safety Incident Investigation (PSII) investigative tool. This investigation is currently ongoing and is unlikely to be completed within the Freedom of Information time scales. We would be happy to share the PSII report once it has been completed.

On this basis we are exempting the question under Section 22 - intended for future publication.

* The name of the equipment model and its manufacturer

Menarini Hb9210 HbA1c analyser

* How many patient harm assessments has the trust carried out to date?

This continues to be a live incident, with the information not yet available to use. Patients are being reviewed by Trust clinicians, primary care colleagues, and also bought in capacity.

* How many cases of patient harm have been found to date? Please give as much detail of each case as possible with any necessary redactions to enable you to share

1-5 cases, of which there has been no moderate or severe harm identified.

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Yours sincerely,

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