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**From:** Commercial  
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**Subject:** Medication errors

I would be grateful if you could let me have the following information, for two separate years: 2014 and 2015.

Q1 The number of medication errors recorded by the Trust for each of these two years.

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2014	168
2015	209

Q2 The number of these incidents for each of these two years that were recorded as causing:

- no harm
- low harm
- moderate harm
- severe harm
- death

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	No harm	Low harm	Moderate harm	Severe harm	Death
2014	155	10	3	0	0
2015	191	18	0	0	0

Q3 The number of errors for each of these two years attributed to:

- prescribing error
- dispensing error or
- any other cause

Q3

	Prescribing error	Dispensing error	Other
2014	18	46	104
2015	44	73	92

Q4 The number of errors for each of these two years attributed to:

- the prescribing or dispensing of the wrong dose, or
- the prescribing or dispensing of the wrong medicine.

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	Prescribing or dispensing of the wrong dose	Prescribing or dispensing of the wrong medicine
2014	32	22
2015	54	54

Q5 The number of incidents for each of these two years in which the Trust has paid financial compensation to patients or relatives of patients in respect of medication errors, and the total paid in compensation for each of these two years in respect of medication errors.

A5 Nil

Q6 Finally, does the Trust have a named medication safety officer, and when was this post established and filled?

A6 Gill Gow – Sept 2014