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Subject: Whistleblowing Concerns During Covid-19 Pandemic

Q1 Please provide the total number of whistleblowing concerns received between 01/03/2019 and 31/08/2019 by Liverpool Heart and Chest NHS Foundation Trust

A1 As a Trust we do not record 'whistleblowing' what we do record are Freedom To Speak Up (FTSU) cases. In line with national guidance our whistleblowing policy, became the Raising Concerns policy and then the Freedom to Speak Up Policy.

Often things that are raised under FTSU would not be classically considered 'whistleblowing' but expressions of concerns through the Freedom to Speak Up policy; in the spirit of FTSU we record them and escalate as per our policy.

Therefore the figures and answers we are responding with are through FTSU:
FTSU concerns raised between 01/03/2019 and 31/08/2019: Six

Q2 Please provide the total number of whistleblowing concerns received between 01/03/2020 and 31/08/2020 by Liverpool Heart and Chest NHS Foundation Trust

A2 FTSU concerns raised between: 01/03/2020 and 31/08/2020: Ten

Q3 Please provide the following information for each whistleblowing concern received by Liverpool Heart and Chest NHS Foundation Trust 01/03/2020 and 31/08/2020:

- A brief summary of the whistleblowing concern.
- Whether any action was taken following the concern, and if so, a brief description of the action taken.
- If the person provided the information anonymously (i.e. they did not provide you with their name and/or contact details) please indicate this.

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- All FTSU cases are recorded and logged individually. Information held on FTSU works on a confidential basis.
- All FTSU concerns are held on a confidential basis; all FTSU cases are actioned and followed up on case to case basis.
- There were no anonymous FTSU concerns raised in the specified time frame.