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**Subject:** Number of data breaches in last 5 years

**Q1** I would like to receive information about the number of data breaches your NHS foundation has experienced. This can be, for example, an email sent out to the wrong recipient, fail to BCC in an email or other human errors that caused data breach.

Can I please receive the number of data breaches for the past 5 financial years meaning financial year 2020/2021, 2019/2020, 2018/2019, 2017/2018 and 2016/2017.

**A1** The data provided below for each financial year includes both potential and incidents of data breaches. The Trust takes a proactive and engaged approach to risk management and incident reporting, supporting a strong culture of risk reporting to support opportunities for learning from near misses or actual incidents.

2016/17 – 9  
2017/18 – 4  
2018/19 – 15  
2019/20 – 24  
2020/21 - 17