

**Reference Number:** FOI202425/098  
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**Subject:** Number of reported incidences from January 2020 to December 2023 of patient harm or death because of poor airway management

Q1 The number of reported incidences from January 2020 to December 2023, within the Trust of patient harm or even death because of poor airway management.

These should include:

- a) Damage to a patient's skin when removing the surgical tape used to hold the airway device in place (if tape is used).
- b) Skin damage i.e., pressure sores as a result of using cotton ties to secure the airway.
- c) Death of a patient as a result of inadvertent movement or extubation whilst maintaining patient comfort.
- d) Death or cardiac arrests of patients due to undetected oesophageal intubation.
- e) Hospital acquired infection as a result of using tapes that are non-sterile.

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- a) Zero.
- b) Zero.
- c) Information not held- this specific data is not captured in incidents.
- d) Zero.
- e) Information not held – the Trust does not hold this information in the breakdown that has been requested.