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Re: Freedom of Information Request – Never Events

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 13th January 2020.

You Asked for:

On Page 51 of the board papers, ahead of the January 14 Wirral CCG governing body meeting, there is the following reference to three Never Events:

"There were three Never Events that occurred for Wirral patients during the reporting period, these occurred at Spire Murrayfield, Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust and Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. All SIs are fully investigated at provider level and reviewed at Serious Incident Review Group (SIRG)."

1. Please provide the details of what occurred during each Never Event, including the extent of any patient harm.
2. Also, please provide the details of each Serious Incident recorded by the CCG between October 2018 and December 2019.
3. Please provide the minutes for each Serious Incident Review Group (SIRG) meeting held within the last 12 months.

Our Response:

1. Under the Freedom of Information Action (FOIA) 2000, section 40(2), we are unable to share this information. Using the Public Interest test, as data Subjects could be identified from the release of this information, the privacy of each subject ultimately outweighs the transparency of data sharing, and therefore, this exemption has been applied.
2. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) include an overview of any Serious Incidents reported during each Financial year in the Annual Report. The 2018/2019 Report can be found on the NHS Wirral CCG website. I have included the link to this report for your information: <https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/news/nhs-wirral-ccg-annual-report-20182019/>
3. Please see the answer to question number 1.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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