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## Freedom of Information request 33-17

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### Request & Response

The Royal College of Midwives (RCM) would like to make a request, under the Freedom of Information Act for the following information:

1. Please indicate how many reported incidents relating to patient safety were reported in maternity every month during 2016?

   [Reported incidents using your organisation's incident management reporting system for example Datix].

| | Number of reported incidents, in maternity, relating to patient safety |
|---|---|
| January 2016 | <5 |
| February 2016 | 5 |
| March 2016 | <5 |
| April 2016 | 6 |
| May 2016 | <5 |
| June 2016 | <5 |
| July 2016 | <5 |
| August 2016 | <5 |
| September 2016 | <5 |
| October 2016 | <5 |
| November 2016 | <5 |
| December 2016 | <5 |

2. Please indicate how many of the reported incidents were caused by staffing levels as reported in maternity every month during 2016?
   [Reported incidents using your organisation's incident management reporting system for example Datix].

| | Number of reported incidents, in maternity, caused by staffing levels |
|---|---|
| January 2016 | 0 |
| February 2016 | 0 |
| March 2016 | 0 |
| April 2016 | 0 |
| May 2016 | 0 |
| June 2016 | 0 |
| July 2016 | 0 |
| August 2016 | 0 |
| September 2016 | 0 |
| October 2016 | 0 |
| November 2016 | 0 |
| December 2016 | 0 |

3. Some incident reporting systems require an assessment of the severity of the incident.
   Please indicate the level of severity of the reported incidents that related to patient safety and were caused by staffing levels as reported in maternity every month during 2016?

   Please specify the different levels of severity and add more columns as appropriate.

[Reported incidents using your organisation's incident management reporting system for example Datix].

| | Number of reported incidents, in maternity, caused by staffing levels | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Severity of incident - Please specify level e.g. high risk | Severity of incident - Please specify level e.g. medium risk | Severity of incident - Please specify level e.g. low risk |
| January 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| February 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| March 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| April 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| May 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| June 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| July 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| August 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| September 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| October 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| November 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| December 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

4. Some incident reporting systems require an assessment of how likely it is that the incident will occur again.

   Please indicate the likelihood of reoccurrence of the reported incidents that related to patient safety and were caused by staffing levels as reported in maternity every month during 2016?

   Please specify the different levels of likelihood of reoccurrence and add more columns as appropriate. [Reported incidents using your organisation's incident management reporting system for example Datix].

| | Number of reported incidents, in maternity, caused by staffing levels | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Likelihood of reoccurrence - Please specify level e.g. high risk | Likelihood of reoccurrence - Please specify level e.g. medium risk | Likelihood of reoccurrence - Please specify level e.g. low risk |
| January 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| February 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| March 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| April 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| May 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| June 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| July 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| August 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| September 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| October 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| November 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| December 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **33-17** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.