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Date: 21/03/24  
Subject: Patient Misidentification

## REQUEST

1. The number of Datix incidents logged involving patient misidentification, broken down by category of harm if possible, for each of the five following calendar years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023?

If the Trust did not or has stopped using Datix during this time period, please would you also provide details of incidents involving patient misidentification reported on any equivalent safety reporting system used by the Trust.

## RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

St Helens and Knowsley:

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
None (no harm caused - impact prevented)	268	236	245	220	228
Low (minimal harm - required extra observation or minor treatment)	0	0	9	19	68
Moderate (short-term harm - required further treatment, or procedure)	0	0	0	0	0
Severe (permanent or long-term harm)	0	0	0	0	0
Death (caused by the incident)	0	0	0	0	0
Ungraded to date	0	0	0	1	1

Southport and Ormskirk:

<b>Category</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Near Miss	0	1	1	1	3
None (no harm caused - impact prevented)	9	8	2	12	11
Low (minimal harm - required extra observation or minor treatment)	2	0	0	0	1