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Subject: Unsafe Building

**REQUEST**

- 1. The number of incidents where a building or an area of a building was made unsafe, the average length of time the area of the building or building was unsafe, and the longest length of time the area of the building or building was unsafe, due to faults with the lighting at your NHS Trust in each of the calendar years?**
  - a. 2019
  - b. 2020
  - c. 2021
  - d. 2022
  - e. 2023
  
- 2. The number of incidents where a building or an area of a building was made unsafe, the average length of time the area of the building or building was unsafe, and the longest length of time the area of the building or building was unsafe, due to structural issues with the building at your NHS Trust in each of the calendar years?**
  - a. 2019
  - b. 2020
  - c. 2021
  - d. 2022
  - e. 2023
  
- 3. The number of incidents, the average length of time, and the longest length of time a lift at your NHS Trust was not usable, and the number of times a lift being unusable restricted step-free access in each of the calendar years?**
  - a. 2019
  - b. 2020
  - c. 2021
  - d. 2022
  - e. 2023

## RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (STHK) and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust (S&O) 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.

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Year	No. Incidents (STHK)	No. Incidents (S&O)
2019	0	0
2020	0	0
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

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Year	No. Incidents (STHK)	No. Incidents (S&O)
2019	0	0
2020	0	0
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2023	0	0

3. The number of incidents, the average length of time, and the longest length of time a lift at your NHS Trust was not usable, and the number of times a lift being unusable restricted step-free access in each of the calendar years?

St Helens and Knowsley:

Year	No. Incidents
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 312 Incidents</li> <li>• Average length of time unusable = 1.8 days</li> <li>• Longest length of time unusable = 48 days</li> </ul>
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 273 Incidents</li> <li>• Average length of time unusable = 2.5 days</li> <li>• Longest length of time unusable = 64 days</li> </ul>
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 323 Incidents</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average length of time unusable = 2.7 days</li> <li>• Longest length of time unusable = 56 days</li> </ul>
<b>2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 370 Incidents</li> <li>• Average length of time unusable = 3 days</li> <li>• Longest length of time unusable = 85 days</li> </ul>
<b>2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 528 Incidents</li> <li>• Average length of time unusable = 13 days</li> <li>• Longest length of time unusable = 112 days</li> </ul>

Within the main hospital site buildings there are several lifts to utilise, therefore step free access has not been restricted.

Southport and Ormskirk:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. Incidents</b>
<b>2019</b>	Data unavailable
<b>2020</b>	Data unavailable
<b>2021</b>	11 Incidents
<b>2022</b>	5 Incidents
<b>2023</b>	5 Incidents

25 hours is longest a lift has been out of service within the calendar years shown above, within the main hospital site buildings there are several lifts to utilise therefore step free access has not been restricted.