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Subject: Serious Incident Reports

REQUEST

Excluding serious incident reports into self-harming, disruptive, abusive and / or aggressive patient behaviour - and also excluding reports into pressure sores and falls - please provide me with summaries of all serious incident reports (sometimes called 'never event investigation reports', 'patient safety incident investigation' reports and / or 'route cause analysis investigation reports') completed in by your Trust in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 which include at least one of the following words or phrases:

- physician associate
- anaesthesia associate
- anaesthetic assistant
- assistant practitioner
- physician assistant
- PA
- AA

Please ensure each summary includes the following information:

- Date of incident
- A description of the incident, including the job titles of staff involved
- Problems and root causes identified during the investigation. Be specific about staffing issues, e.g. if short-staffed state staff roles and numbers were on shift, or if an error occurred state the job titles of those involved in this error.
- Actions and/or recommendations from the investigation. Be specific, if staff require further training, state which staff, e.g. 'FY2 doctors' or 'physician associates', and what the training involves.

In the unlikely event that a large number of your SI reports within this timeframe contain these words or phrases, please simply supply me with summaries of the ten most serious reports which meet this criteria. Use your Trust's own criteria to grade seriousness, e.g. never events and unexplained or unexpected deaths will likely be most serious, followed by incidents causing severe harm, then moderate harm etc.

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 1st 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.

The Trust can confirm that it has not had any incidents between 2019 and 2023 with the phrases requested.