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This freedom of information request is being sent to all NHS hospital trusts in the UK about two separate topics. If applicable to your trust, we would like you to retrieve information from the Datix system (or comparable system) for incident reporting into the NHS National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS).

We are aware that systems and data definitions differ between trusts. Some trusts, for example, categorise harm as negligible, minor, moderate, major, extreme. In that case please provide the degree of harm by the nearest categorisation your Trust uses.

Q1 Please could you tell us how many incidents were logged relating to staffing issues in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to date). The category on the Datix system for this is, we understand, "staffing/inappropriate skills mix" although this may differ between trusts. Please could you break these down by degree of harm (i.e. No harm, low, moderate, severe, death or similar) as set out in the table below.

A1 [Staffing/inappropriate skills mix \(or similar\)](#)

	No harm	Low	Moderate	Severe	Death
2018	133	12	0	0	0
2019	108	6	0	0	0
2020	86	5	0	0	0
2021	133	4	0	0	0
2022 (to date)	143	18	0	0	0

Q2 Please could you tell us how many incidents were logged relating to pressure ulcers (or sores) in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to date). It appears a number of Trusts record two different categories of pressure sores – one for community-acquired sores and the other for hospital-acquired. If possible please could you report these numbers separately. If that is not possible, then please combine both figures and make us aware of this. Please could you again break the data down by degree of harm (i.e. No harm, low, moderate, severe, death or similar).

Some Trusts record different grades of pressure ulcer. In this case please could you combine those into one overall figure.

A2 [Pressure ulcers/sores – community acquired](#)

	No harm	Low	Moderate	Severe	Death
2018	0	1	0	0	0
2019	2	13	1	0	0
2020	1	15	0	0	0

2021	0	13	0	0	0
2022 (to date)	1	4	0	0	0

Pressure ulcers/sores – hospital/trust acquired

	No harm	Low	Moderate	Severe	Death
2018	21	50	3	0	0
2019	6	93	3	0	0
2020	34	81	4	0	0
2021	11	52	0	0	0
2022 (to date)	10	70	2	0	0