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### Freedom of Information request

Firstly, please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in providing you with a response. Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 10/02/2022. Please see responses to your requests below.

1. **How many people have been treated for serious knife or bladed article injuries for the following years? March 2019 - March 2020, March 2020- March 2021, March 2021 - March 2022.**

Year	Patients
2019 - 2020	41
2020 - 2021	69
2021 - 2022	57

2. **How many people have died through a knife wound for the following years: March 2019 - March 2020, March 2020- March 2021, March 2021 - March 2022.**

Year	Patients
2019 - 2020	<4
2020 - 2021	<4
2021 - 2022	0

\*We are unable to provide precise figures when there are less than four due to the risk that individuals could be identified

In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure.

3. **Can you specify how many patients under the age of 18 have been treated for knife injuries both fatal and non-fatal in your Trust? Can you give a break down by age and sex? March 2019 - March 2020, March 2020- March 2021, March 2021 - March 2022.**

Year	Patients	Fatal
2019 - 2020	5	0

<b>2020 - 2021</b>	17	0
<b>2021 - 2022</b>	6	0

\*Please see exemption in question 2. The Trust are unable to break these down into age and sex as we believe this may make the patients identifiable.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on [Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk](mailto:Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk) or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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