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Statistics on Serious Adverse Incidents and Adverse Incidents

1. How many Serious Adverse Incidents reported in the Belfast Trust in 2022, 2023 and 2024?

	2022	2023	2024
Number of SAI Notification submitted to SPPG	200	170	187

2. How many Level one SAI reported in 2022, 2023 and 2024?

	2022	2023	2024
Number of SAI Notifications (Level 1)	170	153	170

3. How many Level two SAI reported in 2022, 2023 and 2024?

	2022	2023	2024
Number of SAI Notifications (Level 2)	30	17	11

4. How many Level three SAI reported in 2022, 2023 and 2024?

	2022	2023	2024
Number of SAI Notifications (Level 3)	0	0	6

5. How many Adverse Incidents reported in the Belfast Trust in 2022, 2023 and 2024

	2022	2023	2024
Approved adverse incidents as at 31/03/2025	51273	59956	57910

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6. How many Adverse Incidents were graded as minor severity / low risk in 2022, 2023 and 2024?

	2022	2023	2024
Approved adverse incidents as at 31/03/2025 graded as Minor severity	13374	15428	16997
Approved adverse incidents as at 31/03/2025 graded as Low risk	41301	49766	46202

7. How many Adverse Incidents were graded as moderate severity / medium risk in 2022, 2023 and 2024?

	2022	2023	2024
Approved adverse incidents as at 31/03/2025 graded as Moderate severity	1703	1694	1670
Approved adverse incidents as at 31/03/2025 graded as Medium risk	6550	6757	8113

8. How many Adverse Incidents were graded as major severity and high risk in 2022, 2023 and 2024?

	2022	2023	2024
Approved adverse incidents as at 31/03/2025 graded as Major severity	267	202	246
Approved adverse incidents as at 31/03/2025 graded as High risk	636	567	548

9. How many Adverse Incidents were graded as catastrophic severity /extreme risk in 2022, 2023 and 2024?

	2022	2023	2024
Approved adverse incidents as at 31/03/2025 graded as Catastrophic severity	839	930	1120
Approved adverse incidents as at 31/03/2025 graded as Extreme risk	750	843	1021

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10. Provide all reports submitted to the Belfast Trust Board or assurance groups in 2022, 2023 and 2024 that relate to Adverse Incidents and Serious Adverse Incidents.

Incidents can be discussed at any group on the assurance framework. With over 40 groups on the assurance framework, it would take well in excess of 18 hours to locate, retrieve and extract information to respond to this Freedom of Information (FOI) request.

Belfast Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information Act under Section 12. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as Belfast Trust. This represents the cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

However, it has been agreed that incident data from Assurance Committee can be provided, as all assurance groups feed upwards towards Assurance Committee.

We have attached the Risk and Governance Amalgamated Assurance Report that is presented at Assurance Committee from May 2023 to November 2024. These reports contain SAI and Incident data from February 2022 through to November 2024.

As the amalgamated reports contain information in addition to Incident and SAI data, which is not related to this FOI request, the documents have been redacted to remove those unrelated sections.

In addition, these documents have been redacted to prevent the identification of individuals where we consider the information to be personally identifiable information, i.e. where the information relates to numbers smaller than five or details that could otherwise potentially allow individual cases to be identified.

Use of <5 (less than five): We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act - as this could make individuals personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.