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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing to request information regarding your use of Physician Associates.

1) How many Physician Associates are currently employed by your organisation?

We do not hold any roles with ESR named as Physician Associate

2) Please provide copies of any policies regarding physician associates in your organisation. For example, policies regarding the scope of practice, clinical procedures, governance, supervision and appraisal processes for physician associates.

All our policies can be found here <https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/about-us/our-publications/publication-scheme/our-policies-and-procedures/>

3) Please provide details of any patient safety incidents (reported via Datix or other internal patient safety reporting systems) where the clinician involved was a Physician Associate. Where possible, please include a breakdown of these incidents by year, severity and categorisation (e.g., department, nature of the incident, patient harm, outcome, organisational response etc).

On review of the Datix system, we do not have any incidents logged for Physician Associates.