

## Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. Does your organisation currently record risks relating to damaged, exposed, or poorly managed electrical cabling on devices on its corporate or divisional risk register?
2. Has your organisation undertaken any formal risk assessment in the last 3 years relating to:
  - a. Trailing cables
  - b. Cable trip hazards
  - c. Cable damage from beds, trolleys, or wheeled equipment?
3. Please provide copies (redacted if necessary) of any policies or procedures addressing the management or protection of electrical cabling in clinical environments.
4. Please provide the number of recorded incidents in the last 5 years involving damage to electrical cables in clinical areas.
5. Please provide anonymised summaries of incidents where cable damage resulted in:
  - d. Service interruption
  - e. Equipment failure
  - f. Patient safety risk
  - g. Fire or overheating risk
6. Please confirm how many incidents involving damaged electrical cables were reported to external regulators (e.g., HSE) within the past 5 years.
7. Does your organisation currently use any cable management or cable protection products in clinical areas (e.g., floor cable covers, bed-mounted cable organisers, retractable systems)?

If yes, please specify:

- \* Type of product
- \* Manufacturer (if recorded)
- \* Areas where deployed

8. Are there any current or planned initiatives to reduce risks associated with trailing or damaged electrical cables?

**Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust does not centrally record information in the specific format requested. While the Trust maintains risk registers and**

**incident reporting systems relating to a wide range of safety matters, risks or incidents specifically relating to damaged, exposed, or poorly managed electrical cabling are not captured as a discrete category within those systems.**

**As a result, the Trust does not hold centrally reportable information that would allow the following to be identified without undertaking a manual review of individual records:**

- **risks relating specifically to electrical cabling recorded on corporate or divisional risk registers;**
- **risk assessments specifically relating to trailing cables, cable trip hazards, or cable damage from beds, trolleys, or wheeled equipment;**
- **the number of incidents recorded in the last five years specifically relating to electrical cable damage;**
- **anonymised summaries of incidents involving cable damage leading to service interruption, equipment failure, patient safety risk, or fire/overheating risk;**
- **incidents involving damaged electrical cables reported to external regulators.**

**The Trust therefore confirms under Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that this information is not held in a centrally retrievable format.**

**With regard to policies or procedures addressing the management of electrical equipment in clinical environments, the Trust operates general health and safety, estates, and medical equipment management policies which include safe use and maintenance of electrical equipment. However, the Trust does not hold a standalone policy specifically addressing electrical cabling management. The link to all DBTH's health and safety policies is below, <https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/about-us/our-publications/publication-scheme/our-policies-and-procedures/#1>**

**The Trust can confirm that cable management measures may be used locally as part of routine clinical equipment setup and estates management. However, the Trust does not maintain a central register of cable management products, manufacturers, or locations where they are deployed.**

**Similarly, the Trust does not hold centrally recorded information relating to any specific organisational initiatives focused solely on trailing or damaged electrical cables. Such risks would generally be addressed through routine health and safety management, estates maintenance, and equipment safety processes.**

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to [d.wraith@nhs.net](mailto:d.wraith@nhs.net).

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

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