

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

I would like to receive information about the number of data breaches your NHS foundation has experienced. This can be, for example, an email sent out to the wrong recipient, fail to BCC in an email or other human errors that caused data breach.

Can. I please receive the number of data breaches for the past 5 financial years meaning financial year 2020/2021,2019/2020.2018/2019, 2017/2018 and 2016/2017.

Can the information supplied be broken down by year?

Information Governance/Confidentiality/Data Protection Incidents (EPUT)	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Confirmed IG Incidents	146*	243**	94	111	82	676
Reportable Breaches	1	4	0	1	1	7

The above data represents all Information Governance incidents that resulted in a breach of personal identifiable information and does not reflect the number of Information Commissioners Office (ICO) reportable breaches.

The UK GDPR requires organisations to report breaches to the ICO if there is a risk to people's rights and freedoms. Further information can be found on the ICO's website: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-data-protection/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/personal-data-breaches/#whatbreachesdo>

\*Data relates to South Essex Partnership Trust and North Essex Partnership Trust which merged in April 2017 to form Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust.

\*\*Data relates to combined data set resulting from merged organisations.

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