

Request title: Allergies to Penicillin 2013-2015

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Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request and reply

- 1) How many times, if at all, has a patient with an allergy to penicillin been given it in 2013, 2014 and 2015? Can I please have a figure for each year?

Please see the table below:

Year	Total number
2013	7
2014	10
2015	14

- 2) On any of those occasions, was the patient wearing a red band to indicate an allergy? a) If so, how many times? Can I please have a figure for each year?

It is not possible to give an accurate figure for this due to the fact that it is not possible to determine from the incident report and the information recorded, whether or not the patients were wearing a red alert arm band, due to the fact that this it is not a mandatory field requirement when reporting an incident. However, where it has been specified, the information has been provided in the table below:

Year	Wearing a red band	Not wearing a red band	Not specified on the incident report
2013	5	1	1
2014	4	0	6
2015	1	0	13

- 3) On any of the occasions listed in Q1, was the allergy recorded in the patient's notes or in their prescription chart? a) If so how many times? Can I please have a figure for each year?

The Trusts main checking mechanism to identify any allergies is to record it on the drug chart and not on the medical notes. The Trust can confirm that from the information recorded at the time of the incident report the following figures apply:

Year	Recorded on prescription chart	Not recorded on prescription chart	Not specified on the incident report
2013	7	2	0
2014	8	0	2
2015	12	2	0

- 4) On any of the occasions listed in Q1, had the patient informed medical staff of their allergy in some other way? a) If so how many times? Can I please have a figure for each year?

The Trust is not able to provide an answer to this question. This type of information is not recorded on its reporting system, nor is it required to be recorded anywhere else. However, where the allergy was documented on the drug chart, The Trust can state that it should have been checked by the prescriber at that time.