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01/12/2020

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.

In accordance with S.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that we do hold the information relevant to your request. FOI 290

### **Response from Bedford Hospital**

1. Please provide the total number of whistleblowing concerns received between 01/03/2019 and 31/08/2019 by Bedford Hospital NHS Trust. - **None**
2. Please provide the total number of whistleblowing concerns received between 01/03/2020 and 31/08/2020 by Bedford Hospital NHS Trust. - **One**
3. Please provide the following information for each whistleblowing concern received Bedford Hospital NHS Trust between 01/03/2020 and 31/08/2020:
  - a. A brief summary of the whistleblowing concern. – **Concerns regarding clinical practice**
  - b. Whether any action was taken following the concern, and if so, a brief description of the action taken. – **Investigation undertaken**
  - c. If the person provided the information anonymously (i.e. they did not provide you with their name and/or contact details) please indicate this. – **Not anonymous**

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[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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