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You asked

1. How many serious incidents occurred during surgery in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 up to the date received (07/05/2021)? Please provide a breakdown by year.
  - a. For each serious incident, please provide as much detail as possible within the time/cost framework, and without any identifying information that could incur a personal data exemption.

'Adverse Event'	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
Bradycardia		1			1
Cardiac arrest		3		1	4
Diagnosis - wrong		1			1
Failure of a device or equipment	1	1			2
Implementation & ongoing monitoring/review - other		1	1		2
Lack of clinical or risk assessment		1			1
Missing needle/swab/instrument			1		1
Treatment not clinically indicated	1				1
Treatment, procedure - other adverse event		1	2	1	4
Treatment/procedure - inappropriate/wrong	3	1	1	1	6
Unexpected re-admission or re-attendance				1	1
Unintended injury in the course of an operation or clinical task		1	1		2
Unplanned admission / transfer to specialist care unit			1		1
Wrong device/equipment used	1				1
Wrong quantity Medication	1				1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>29</b>

b. Please provide a breakdown by i) never events ii) all other serious incidents

<b>'Adverse Event'</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Missing needle/swab/instrument			1	1
Treatment not clinically indicated	1			1
Treatment/procedure - inappropriate/wrong	3	1		4
Wrong device/equipment used	1			1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

Please refer to the Trust Board's Integrated Performance reports that are located within Trust Board papers for additional supporting information. They are located here: <https://www.plymouthhospitals.nhs.uk/trust-board-meetings-and-papers>

**Please include locum or agency staff if you hold information on them.**

No staff members involved in the above incidents has been recorded as Locum or Agency staff on the Trust's reporting system.

**By 'serious incident', I refer to the definition and description of a serious incident outlined in the [NHS England Serious Incident Framework](#).**

**By 'never event', I refer to the NHS' [definition](#) and [Never Events policy framework](#).**

**Attachments included: No**