

# Patient Safety ALERT: Cardiac Arrest Trolley Drawer

The Trust's cardiac arrest trolleys have a safety feature that prevents more than one drawer being open at any time. **If something falls behind the open drawer, preventing it from closing NONE of the other drawers can be opened.** To prevent this please avoid over filling the drawer or, pushing the contents of the drawer down when closing the drawer.

**If it is not possible to close the drawer please follow this procedure:**

1. Pull the open drawer out to the limit of its runners; locate the drawer release catches on both runners, as per the picture below.



2. Push the **right** side catch down ↓ and the **left** side catch up ↑
3. Whilst supporting the weight of the drawer pull it out until it is free of the runners.
4. It should now be possible to remove any obstruction from behind the drawer. **Be cautious of the extended runner arms as you will need to reach past these.**
5. Relocate the drawer back on the runner arms and close the drawer, if the drawer still doesn't shut check the positioning of the drawer on the runner arms.

**FOR ACTION:**  
Ensure that ALL STAFF are aware of this potential problem.

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