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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For the period from January 2019 to the most recent available data, please provide the following details relating to admissions involving the insertion of objects into the anus or vagina.

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The age and gender of the individual involved in each incident (if available and anonymised).	**Aggregated figures over all 6 years (01/01/2019 – 31/12/2024)																															
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As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the persons involved and cause distress to Families or Friends. The numbers for the time frame requested is less than 5, so Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.																																

A brief description of the incident or nature of injury and if the insertion was accidental or deliberate (if available and anonymised).	Unfortunately, we are unable to provide any information to answer these two questions as this cannot be determined by the coding applied
The item used - including but not limited to sex toys, household objects, and food.	

Caveat

At this trust we use ICD-10 to code admissions, we have checked with the Clinical Coding team that the codes provided would provide the information needed. They advised that T18.3 pertains to the small intestine and suggested using T18.5 Foreign body in anus and rectum instead and also advised that foreign bodies are coded to where they are located, not where they were originally inserted

To summarise, we have searched for any patients coded with the below codes between 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2024

T18.4 – Foreign body in colon

T18.5 – Foreign body in anus and rectum

T19.2 – Foreign body in vulva and vagina

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely
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