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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012993 – Breast ironing

Do you have a way of identifying / recording breast ironing incidences across your trust? And in particular in i) obstetrics & gynaecology ii) paediatrics iii) oncology departments

We do not have any direct way of identifying breast ironing. Should the practice be alerted to maternity regarding a specific woman it would be documented in her maternity records.

How many patients have presented with symptoms associated with breast ironing in the last three financial years?

2013-14

2014-15

2015-16

We have not been aware of any cases of breast ironing in the past 3 years

Please identify the age group for each the affected patients;

11 and under

12-16

17-21

22-45

46 and over

Not applicable

Do you have a safeguarding pathway if a patient presents with breast ironing? How many times has it been used in each of the last three financial years?

2013-14

2014-15

2015-16

If breast ironing had been identified , we would refer to the appropriate social services team following the Trust's Maternity Safeguarding Policy . For example if a pregnant woman had been subjected to breast ironing her unborn would be referred to children's services due to the potential risk.