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Date: 10.04.2026

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

Could you please **only** supply data for the below questions:

1. How many incidents of a retained foreign object post-procedure were logged by your Trust in the past three years? (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25)

1a) Please break down this information by year (as outlined above).

1b) If possible, please break down this information by retained object (including but not limited to the examples listed above).

NB Please interpret 'retained foreign object post-procedure' as objects accidentally left inside patients following surgical procedures - e.g. guide wires, mouth props, surgical instruments, needles, vaginal swabs, throat packs, clips etc.

Response

There were no incidents recorded on our incident reporting system in the time frame specified.

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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