



**Freedom of Information Request – 4302**

Could you please provide data in response to the following 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)

***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.***

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

*This information is gained from inpatient diagnostic coding, the code is T815 - Foreign body accidentally left in body cavity or wound following surgery. As we only code inpatient spells, the following figures are for patients who were admitted to the hospital between the dates requested.*

2022/2023	Less than 5
2023/2024	0
2024/2025	0

*Due to the low number of patients involved we have amalgamated the information and answered less than 5. This is to reduce the risk of identification.*

*This is exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act – Personal Information.*

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

*Due the low number of patients involved we are unable to break this down as this increases the risk of identification.*

*Exempt Section 40(2) – Personal Information.*