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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to dangerous and/or illegal items confiscated by staff during 2013, 2014 and 2015.

- 1. How many dangerous and/or illegal items have been confiscated by staff at hospitals across your trust over the last three years?
- 2. For each year, please provide a full breakdown of items.

Please send the information in calendar years (i.e. January-December, for 2013, 2014, and 2015).

This may include illegal drugs, and weapons/ potential weapons.

1. Nil. Trust staff do not have any legal right to stop or search anyone.

However if our Security Officers have 'reasonable grounds' to suspect Hospital Visitors or Users are carrying:

Illegal drugs
A weapon
Stolen property
Something which could be used to commit a crime, e.g. a crowbar

They will refuse entry and call the Police.

2. Not applicable.