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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 Tourniquets.

- 1) Does the trust use single use venous tourniquets, reusable tourniquets or both?*
- 2) What is the annual spend/usage on each category of tourniquet?*
- 3) How many reported incidences of tourniquets being inadvertently left on a patients arm have there been in the past 5 years?*
- 4) What is the value if any, of any litigation costs associated with any such incidences?*

1. The Trust uses single use tourniquets.
2. Current annual spend is £88,476 on Tourniquets. All Trust tourniquets are single use.
3. The Trust has had 60 incidents reported between 2011-2016.
4. There have been no claims resulting from tourniquets.