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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 in-patients that have died from choking due to obstruction of the airway.

I would like to request the following information to include; all hospitals under the trust's remit and to cover years 2015, 2016 and as much of 2017 as is available at the point of request

The number of in-patients that have died from choking due to obstruction of the airway, where (A) the patient has been admitted for reasons related to choking and (B) where the patient was admitted for reasons not related to choking.

If possible, please provide the data separated for each individual hospital where applicable.

Please note: There is not a specific code to denote choking as such. The most suitable code we have is, T17.9 which has the description 'Foreign body in respiratory tract, part unspecified' and this is the code used to provide the data below.

- (A) Number of deaths in 2015, 2016 and 2017 (complete calendar years) where patient was admitted with *primary* diagnosis code T17.9 'Foreign body in respiratory tract, part unspecified' **Zero**
- (B) Number of deaths in 2015, 2016 and 2017 (complete calendar years) where patient was admitted with **secondary** diagnosis code T17.9 'Foreign body in respiratory tract, part unspecified'

Row Labels	<u></u> MAID	TWH Grand Total		
2015		1		1
2016		1	5	6
2017		4	1	5
Grand Total		6	6	12