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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 the removal of IV peripheral cannulas.

*You asked:*

- 1. What were the recorded reasons for the removal of IV peripheral cannulas within your hospital trust within the last 10 years? Please provide annual numbers for each reason for removal.*
- 2. What is the annual number of catheter related bloodstream infections within your hospital trust within the last 10 years?*
- 3. What are the annual recorded incidents of phlebitis within your hospital trust in the last 10 years?*

Trust response:

- 1 - There is no designated OPCS code for the removal of a peripheral cannula and they are not usually recorded.
- 2 – We are unable to answer this question as when coded there are too many variables. When the coders code this they have exact information, to make it extremely specific to each patient.
- 3- We have not been able to gather the information back 10 years but since the financial year 2012/2013 and now (2020/2021) there has been 4111 recorded incidents of Phlebitis. Please note that this will include the same patient if they were admitted into the trust multiple times.