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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 rectal foreign body removal.

You asked:

1. The number of operations your trust has done to remove rectal foreign bodies from patients in the years:

- 2016*
- 2017*
- 2018*
- 2019*
- 2020*
- 2021*

2. A list of the foreign bodies you have removed.

3. Guidelines as to what happens to these foreign bodies once they have been removed.

Trust response:

1. Please note: We can provide the number of admitted patients who underwent H44.1 procedure (Manual removal of foreign body from rectum) but not the number of A&E attendances. There have been 23 patients since 2016 who have undergone this procedure.

2. Due to the very small number of cases and in order to protect patient confidentiality the Trust has decided that further more detailed information be refused using the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998.

3. If appropriate, they are washed and returned to the patient.