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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 HSIB investigation into nasogastric tubes.

You asked:

Q1 Can you please confirm with the RIS/PACS team if the Trust have implemented the recommendations set out by the NPSA and reinforced in the HSIB report for X Ray reporting?

Q2 Can you please confirm the number of "Plain Film Chest X-Ray" requests (XCHES) where a nasogastric tube / NG tube was specified as free text in the clinical indication field or requested as "XR Nasogastric tube position" (XNASG) for the period from April 1st 2021 to March 31st 2022?

Q3 Based on the response to Q2 can you please confirm if the reason for the request was captured: confirmation of 1st placement, suspected dislodgment / displacement of established nasogastric tube or simply not reported in the clinical indication field?

Q4 Based on your response to Q3 can you please confirm if the site of the nasogastric tube was reported and the overall number with specific attention to the lung or oesophagus or in the stomach and safe to feed?

Trust response:

- 1. Yes
- 2.1409

3. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.

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