

FOI REF: 21/215

08th June 2021

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**How many patients have had foreign objects stuck inside their anus or rectum over the past 3 years from your NHS trust.**

Please see the table below for the number of attendances to A&E presenting with a complaint/diagnosis of foreign body in rectum for the period 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021:

Admission	Sex	2018	2019	2020	Total
Admitted	Male		3	7	10
	Female		1	2	3
<b>Admitted Total</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>
Not Admitted	Male	1	6	6	13
	Female		2	4	6
<b>Not Admitted Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>

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**I would like information on how many patients have been admitted into A&E to have an item (foreign object) removed from their rectum since the 26th of April 2018.**

Please see below for the number of admissions and removal of object. This table shows the number of patients with the foreign body removed in A&E/after being admitted in the same time period below:

Sex	Proc Cat	2019	2020	Total
M	Removed A&E	2	1	3
	Removed after admission	2	6	8
<b>M Total</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>
F	Removed A&E		1	1
	Removed after admission	1		1
<b>F Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>

**If possible, I would like to have details as to what this object was, and whether the patient was male or female. Any other information you can provide is always grateful.**

The information you have requested is exempt under section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information would originally have been provided to a healthcare practitioner or social worker in confidence, and we consider this duty of confidentiality to extend beyond death.

However, our records show that the foreign objects found in patients since 26th April 2018 were:

Batteries  
Coins  
Magnets  
Personal  
Recreational drug  
Wraps of illegal drugs

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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