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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

I request the following information for toxic shock syndrome (TSS) (ICD-10 code A48.3) for your trust's hospitals, for the period 1 January 2021 to present:

- 1. Total number of cases of toxic shock syndrome diagnosed (ICD-10 A48.3), by year (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025/2026 so far)**

There have been no cases of toxic shock syndrome (TSS) being diagnosed at East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust during this date range specified.

- 2. The number of cases where TSS was linked to tampon use or menstruation, where this information is recorded in clinical coding or case notes**

Please refer to our response to Question (1).

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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