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Dear

RE: Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 20/06/2023. Please see responses to your requests below.

**1. The number of operations your trust has done to remove rectal foreign bodies from patients in the years:
- 2022**

- 2023 (to June 1)

The Trust can confirm a total of five operations carried out to remove rectal foreign bodies in 2022-2023 year to date (01/06/23).

2.A list of the foreign bodies you have removed in this time period.

This Information is not recorded on the electronic patient record system. therefore, to undertake this would require a manual search process which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

3. Guidelines as to what happens to these foreign bodies once they have been removed, or any list of the ways in which this has been done - for instance they have been disposed of or returned to owner.

Guidelines are not available; this is handled on a case by case situation by clinicians.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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