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Email only

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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to Operations to Remove Rectal Foreign Bodies and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

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

- 2022	< 5
- 2023 (to June 1)	< 5

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

Butt Plug  
Large Vegetable  
Magazine  
Yam  
Deodorant Cap  
Vibrator

- 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.**

The Trust does not have specific guidelines or policy with regard to the disposal or handing back to the patient, items that have been removed. Unless there is a specific request that is made during the consent process, or the patient may be part of a criminal investigation then the items in most cases would be disposed of.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via [cdda-tr.cddffoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddffoi@nhs).

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**