

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning items have been removed from patients' bodies by doctors at the trust's hospital/s in the past year.

The Trust can provide the following information:

- 1) How many items have been removed from patients' bodies by doctors at the trust's hospital/s in the past year. (November 2012- November 2013)

There have been 25 foreign bodies removed

- 2) Please give a breakdown by item.

The Trust cannot provide a breakdown by item as all of them are classified and coded simply as foreign body

- 3) Please give a breakdown as to where they were found – e.g. pen lid in throat.

Unable to provide as this information isn't recorded and a manual search would be needed to provide and is estimated it would exceed 18 hours and therefore is exempt under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act2000.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at foi@homerton.nhs.uk, in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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