

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning never events.

The Trust can provide the following information:

- 1) How many operating theatres do you have within your Trust?
8
- 2) How many operations were performed at your Trust (from Trust systems)?
 - a. 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012
 - b. 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013

Financial Year	Number of Procedures
2011/12	17464
2012/13	17773
Grand Total	35237

- 3) Do you have a written policy / procedure regarding the use of throat packs during anaesthesia and surgery?
 - a. If so, does this policy require a verbal check for every surgical case, or are there only specific occasions when this check is carried out?
No
- 4) Do you have a written policy / procedure regarding the checking of pregnancy in applicable patients prior to anaesthesia and surgery?
 - a. When and where is the final check for possible pregnancy undertaken?
No
- 5) Have you had any Never Events related to surgery within the previous year months (1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012)?
 - a. If so, please provide headline details (number of each type of Never Event, degree of harm to the patient).

THREE -

- **Wong site surgery there was minor harm to the patient**
 - **Retained swab post vaginal delivery minor harm to the patient**
 - **Retained swab post vaginal delivery minor harm to the patient**
- 6) Have you had any Never Events related to surgery within the last 12 months (1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013)?
 - a. If so, please provide headline details (number of each type of Never Event, degree of harm to the patient).

TWO –

- **retained swab post-surgery (not inside a sutured area) there was moderate harm to the patient**
- **Misplaced nasogastric tube not detected prior to feeding there was major harm to the patient**

7) Have you had any Serious Incidents Requiring Investigation related to surgery, which are not classified as Never Events, within the previous year months (1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012)

- a. If so, please provide headline details (number of each type of Never Event, degree of harm to the patient).

TWO –

- **A patient with multiple co-morbidities had a cardiac arrest during emergency orthopaedic surgery the patient died**
- **A patient had a cardiac arrest during an emergency caesarean section – there was major harm to the patient**

8) Have you had any Serious Incidents Requiring Investigation related to surgery, which are not classified as Never Events , within the previous year months (1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013).

- a. If so, please provide headline details (number of each type of Never Event, degree of harm to the patient).

One-

- **Accidental puncture of a blood vessel during laparoscopy there was major harm to the patient**

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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