

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning urinary catheters.

“I wish to receive information regarding the accidental removal of urinary catheters (often referred to as Foley catheters) for patients in NHS inpatient care. These catheters are normally held in situ by a balloon. They are occasionally removed by the confused patient (often causing pain). Incidences of accidental urinary catheter removal should be recorded via incident reporting. I don't require any details of incidents, only the number of incidents reported. Please provide the most recent available (complete) 1 year of data.”

Please can I make clarification relating to the requested information:

1. In defining catheter removal, please include any of catheter tugging, partial removal or complete removal.
2. In defining accidental removal, please include all incidents of patient-attempted catheter removal. This specifically includes, but is not limited to, confused or agitated patients attempting to remove catheters.
3. If you can report patient-attempted removal vs. all other incidents separately, please do so.

The Trust can provide the following information:

In search of the database for the last year 01.04.13 to 31.03.14 using the key word “catheter”

2 incidents were reported of accidental urinary catheter removal
(not recorded as if was by your description above if this was patient-attempted or all other incidents separately)

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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