

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning Nasogastric feeding tube.

Please supply the following information:

- The number of patients in your trust who required an nasogastric feeding tube during the past three years and why :
- The number of patients in your trust who required a retaining or restraining device to secure an nasogastric feeding tube during the past three years and why :
- The reason why a retaining or restraining device was required e.g. what type of patient was it – Stroke, neurological etc. and what was the reason they required the device :
- The type of device used: nasal bullring, nasal bridle, Statlock nasal plaster, mittens, hand bandages, other? : there is no official device-
- Any reported adverse effects as a result of using any of the above – please least which consequence, if any, arose from which device?
- In the past three years have you stopped using any of the devices (nasal bullring, nasal bridle, Statlock nasal plaster or mittens? If so, why?
- Cost savings, if any, as a result of using any of the above devices in the past three years compared to previously
- Any record of improved patient outcomes as a result of using any of the above devices :
- Any records you have of nurses being reluctant to use these devices.

This information isn't recorded in this format; with the EPR upgrade to be done in future specific information will be easier to collect once that upgrade is completed.

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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