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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Ref: FOI 2689**

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Breast Ironing.

The Trust can provide the following information:

**Do you have a way of identifying / recording breast ironing incidences across your trust?  
And in particular in i) obstetrics & gynaecology ii) paediatrics iii) oncology departments**

Breast ironing incidents would be recorded through the Trust's Datix incident reporting system, under the category of safeguarding concern. There were no reported cases of this type of incident over the past three years.

**How many patients have presented with symptoms associated with breast ironing in the last three financial years? N/A**

**2013-14  
2014-15  
2015-16**

**Please identify the age group for each the affected patients; N/A**

**11 and under  
12-16  
17-21  
22-45  
46 and over**

**Do you have a safeguarding pathway if a patient presents with breast ironing?**

The Trust has safeguarding policies in place for children and adults. Staff also receive training on a regular basis and are made aware of various forms of abuse, including FGM and breast ironing and how to report it.

**How many times has it been used in each of the last three financial years? N/A**

**2013-14  
2014-15  
2015-16**

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