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Subject: Removal of foreign objects

## REQUEST

I am writing with a Freedom Of Information request regarding the medical removal (surgical or otherwise) of foreign objects from patients' rectums / colons over the dates September 30th 2015 - September 29th 2016 and September 30th 2016 to September 30th 2017.

I would like a breakdown in two Microsoft excel spreadsheets, one for each year requested.

In each spreadsheet, I would like a list of all procedures carried out on your premises by medical professionals to remove foreign objects from patients' rectums / colons.

I define a "foreign object" as an object that is separate from the body, therefore not including natural growths or tumours.

I would like the list of each of these procedures to be accompanied with generic information of the procedure and the patient.

This should include date and time of procedure, gender of the patient and age of the patient.

Also accompanying each procedure, I would like generic information regarding the nature of the procedure.

This includes whether surgery under anaesthetic was required, and a brief summary naming the object(s) removed.

## RESPONSE

We are unable to provide the information you require as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the Act.