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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 210506.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

I am writing an assignment on the use of Needle Cricothyroidotomy in the pre hospital emergency setting.

Please could you inform me as to the number of times Needle Cricothyroidotomy has been performed by a qualified clinician within your trust in the last 5 years.

This field does not appear on the Electronic Patient Clinical Record render. It is on the paper Patient Clinical Record but the field is not one that is validated and so any scanned data in this connection would be inaccurate.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
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