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Dear ,

The Trust is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, thank you. This request has been assigned the internal reference quoted above; please ensure that you quote this number in any future correspondence.

We have now provided a formal response below.

### **FOI Request**

You asked us:

**For the period from January 2019 to the most recent available data, please provide the following details relating to incidents involving the insertion of objects into the anus or vagina.**

- **The total number of incidents recorded per year.**
- **The age and gender of the individual involved in each incident (if available and anonymised).**
- **A brief description of the incident or nature of injury and if the insertion was accidental or deliberate (if available and anonymised).**
- **The item used - including but not limited to sex toys, household objects, and food.**

**To assist in locating relevant records, the following diagnostic or classification codes may be useful where applicable:**

**ICD-10 codes (if applicable):**

**T18.3 – Foreign body in rectum  
T18.4 – Foreign body in anus  
T19.2 – Foreign body in vulva and vagina**

**ICD-11 codes (if applicable):**

**PL12.0 – Foreign body in anus and rectum  
PL11.0 – Foreign body in vagina and vulva  
ND52 – Contact with vibrator**

**SNOMED CT (if used):**

**289706006 – Foreign body in vagina  
432504007 – Foreign body in rectum**



## **Formal Response**

The Trust confirms it holds part of the information you requested.

- **The total number of incidents recorded per year.**
- **The age and gender of the individual involved in each incident (if available and anonymised).**

The above requested information is detailed in the workbook attached to this disclosure:

*FOI 250402 - Foreign Objects*

\* Data blurring at less-than-10: The Trust can confirm that this information exists. However, where an output represents fewer than 10 individuals or incidents in the period requested, we have not provided exact figures. This practice is known as data blurring, which serves to mitigate against the risk of possible re-identification of individual data subjects via data recombination (sometimes referred to as jigsawing). This risk is assessed in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) *Anonymisation Code of Practice*, in relation to Section 40(2) of the FOIA 2000

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The Trust does not maintain a statistical record of the above requested information, and is not able to extract a summary from the records held.

## **Next steps**

We hope you find the information provided to be of some assistance.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance, via the following email address: [FOI@secamb.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@secamb.nhs.uk)

You can ask us to review our original response. If you would like us to carry out an internal review, please let us know within 40 working days of you receiving our original response. This review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in reviewing the original response, ordinarily, the Trust Data Protection Officer. We will endeavour to complete this request within 20 working days.

Should you remain dissatisfied then you can contact the [Information Commissioner's Office](https://ico.org.uk/foicomplaints) (ICO). Complaints to the ICO should be made within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](https://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints).

Alternatively, the ICO's postal address is:



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Yours sincerely,

**Freedom of Information Coordinator  
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust**



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