FOI 2327

Date 30/06/2023

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

**1. The number of operations your trust has done to remove rectal foreign bodies from  
patients in the years:  
- 2022**

**- 2023 (to June 1)**

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|  | Luton | Bedford | Total |
| 2022 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 2023 | 2 | 1 | 3 |

**2.A list of the foreign bodies you have removed in this time period.**

Vibrator, Perfume Bottle, Aerosol can Lid, Bottle of Lubricant, metal macerator, sex toy

**3. Guidelines as to what happens to these foreign bodies once they have been  
removed, or any list of the ways in which this has been done - for instance they have been disposed of or returned to owner.**

For foreign bodies relating to rectal surgery, it would depend what the item is – Item would be disposed of unless personal item.

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Yours sincerely,

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