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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2019/0504

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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- 1) The number of instances in which a surgical instrument has been left inside a patient's body following a surgical procedure between 2015 and 2019 (up to present day and itemised by year).
Nil.

- For each instance, please list:

a) the type of instruments found during this time and where in the body they were discovered.

b) The surgical procedure that was taking place when instrument was left inside body.

c) The patient's outcome, i.e. if anyone has become seriously ill as a result of leaving an surgical instrument inside the body of a patient or if anyone has died as a result of leaving a surgical instrument inside the body of a patient. (if this exceeds the scope of the request please inform me before omitting it).

d) How many people have taken legal action against the Trust as a result of a surgeon leaving a surgical instrument inside the body of a patient. (if this exceeds the scope of the request please inform me before omitting it).

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Wye Valley NHS Trust
Monkmoor Court
31-34 Commercial Road
Hereford
HR1 2DX

Glen Burley, Chief Executive

Russell Hardy, Chairman

Email: freedom.information@wvt.nhs.uk

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Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 745 www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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