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Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 136-1718

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about patient searches. Please find the Trust's response below.

- 1. Please advise whether you search all new patients upon admission to an inpatient ward**
We do not routinely search all patients, this is done on a risk assessment basis
- 2. Please advise whether you search all patients on return from leave**
As above
- 3. Please state how many weapons and sharps you have retrieved in the last financial year**
There were 4 incidents reported for 2016/17 of sharps / weapons being found by staff in patients possession (e.g. when cleaning rooms)
- 4. (2016/17) as a result of searching new patients**
There were 0 incidents reported of sharps / weapons being found by searching patients in 2016/17
- 5. Please state how many incidents have taken place in your inpatients units by patients**
There were 5 incidents reported for 2016/17 of weapons or sharps being brought into inpatient units by patients
- 6. Please state the level of harm caused by these incidents (ie % resulting in minor, moderate, major or catastrophic harm), where harm has occurred.**
Of the 5 incidents (in Question 5), all 5 (100%) resulted in no harm

Should you have any queries in relation to our response in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request and wish to ask us to review our response, you should write to:-

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Yours sincerely,

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