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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6324

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 16th May 2024.

Your request was as follows:

First, between 1 January 2020 and 30 April 2024, how many operations were undertaken in your area that involved the insertion of titanium clips or titanium alloy clips to repair ruptured brain aneurysms?

[Between the 1st of January 2020 and the 30th of April 2024, the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust have undertaken 55 operations that involved the insertion of titanium clips or titanium alloy clips to repair ruptured brain aneurysms.](#)

Second, what rules/guidance/protocols has your Trust in place to ensure that the serial numbers of titanium/titanium alloy clips used to repair ruptured brain aneurysms are recorded in patients' notes and/or elsewhere for future reference?

[WCFT staff have the 'Handling of Protheses and implants' SOP to follow and ensure the serial numbers of titanium/titanium alloy clips used to repair ruptured brain aneurysms are recorded in patients' notes and/or elsewhere for future reference.](#)

Third, can I view, please, your Trust's current rules/guidance/protocols in relation to recording these clips' serial numbers?

[Please see the 'FOI6324_Handling of Protheses and Implants_Redacted' PDF attached.](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 6324 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted by:

Post: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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