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Subject: Retained foreign objects post-procedure.

REQUEST

Could you please **only** supply data for the below questions:

1. How many incidents of a retained foreign object post-procedure were logged by your Trust in the past three years? (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25)

1a) Please break down this information by year (as outlined above).

1b) If possible, please break down this information by retained object (including but not limited to the examples listed above).

NB Please interpret 'retained foreign object post-procedure' as objects accidentally left inside patients following surgical procedures - e.g. guide wires, mouth props, surgical instruments, needles, vaginal swabs, throat packs, clips etc.

RESPONSE

Q1 a and b Answer:

2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
<5 (Retained Guidewire)	<5 (Retained Guidewire)	<5 (Retained tampon)