

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF24-148

**Request:**

On 8th February NHS England published the number of Never Events that occurred at each NHS trust between 01 April 2023 and 31 December 2023. Found Here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/patient-safety/never-events-data/>

East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust was shown to have recorded 5 Never Events.

Can you please provide the type and a brief description of these Never Events, like the NHS reports them? For example, “Wrong site surgery – Incision to wrong organ/structure”

To be clear we are not asking you to provide any information that is identifiable to any patients.

**Response:**

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

Summary	STEIS category
Never Event: Retained foreign object post procedure (vaginal swab)	Surgical/invasive procedure incident
Never Event: Unintentional connection of a patient requiring oxygen to an air flowmeter	Medical equipment/devices/disposables incident meeting Serious Incident criteria
Never Event: Wrong site surgery (regional anaesthetic block)	Surgical/invasive procedure incident
Never Event: Wrong site surgery (Mirena Coil inserted without consent)	Surgical/invasive procedure incident
Never Event: Retained foreign object post procedure (tip of guidewire)	Surgical/invasive procedure incident

**(DATE OF RESPONSE: 23 FEBRUARY 2024)**