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Dear Kendall

Official Information Act Request – OIA 13267 HDC complaints about surgical equipment

On 6 December 2020, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

I wish to receive information regarding the number of formal complaints about surgical equipment mistakenly being left behind in patients in the last three years, which went to the Health and Disability Commissioner or resulted in a review of hospital policy at Whanganui District Health Board.

Can this information be broken down by year, what the item was, how long it was mistakenly left in the patient for, when it was removed and the effect(s) on the patient.

Whanganui District Health Boards response:

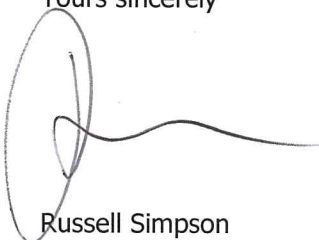
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Answer: We have 0 complaints as per above.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz

Yours sincerely



Russell Simpson
Chief Executive