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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

In the last quarter, what percentage of the following flexible endoscopes were returned to the manual cleaning process because they were not used within 3 hours after removal from the endoscope washer disinfector (EWD) or automatic endoscope reprocessor, as per BSG and ESGE guidelines:

Gastroscopes

Colonoscopes

Duodenoscopes

Bedford:

Gastroscopes – total: 17 – 0.03%

Colonoscopes – total: 25 – 0.04%

Duodenoscopes – total: 2 – 0.03%

Luton:

Gastroscopes – total: 29 – 0.02%

Colonoscopes – total: 34 – 0.03%

Duodenoscopes - total: 2 – 0.2%

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Yours sincerely,

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