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REQUEST & RESPONSE

I would like to know the following information regarding the use of swabs (surgical gauze swabs) that are used in obstetrics (birth packs, suture kits etc) and open surgeries such as laparotomies and incidents where swabs have been accidentally left within a patient.

1. Within the last 3 years, have there been any incidents recorded where a gauze swab was retained in the body cavity of a patient?

The Trust does not have any record of compensation paid to any patient where a gauze swab was retained in the body cavity of a patient.

- 2a. If yes, was compensation paid to the patient(s)?
- b. What was the total value of compensation paid to the patient(s)?

N/A

3. With regards to purchasing, how many procedure packs and swabs packs were purchased in the last complete financial year? Please indicate in the table below if the data supplied relates to **individual packs** or **carton quantities**. If carton quantities (the number of boxes of product ordered) are provided, please state the number of packs supplied per carton.

Product Type	Number of packs purchased*	Additional information re: number of packs per carton
Birth packs (standard delivery packs containing gauze swabs and other supplies)	2,335 Each	100 x pack 10
Suture packs (e.g. used to repair vaginal tears containing	1,000 Each	467 x pack 5

gauze swabs and other supplies)		
Laparotomy packs	448 Each	56 x case 8
Swab packs (packs of 5 swabs used in surgery to pack open wounds, absorb blood etc).	4,824 Each	134 x case 36

4. Regarding brands and suppliers, which brands of product are being used and who is supplying them?

Product Type	Brands used	Supplied by
Birth packs (standard delivery packs containing gauze swabs and other supplies)	Unisurge	NHS Supply Chain
Suture packs (e.g. used to repair vaginal tears containing gauze swabs and other supplies)	Unisurge	NHS Supply chain
Laparotomy packs	Lap Gynae - Rocialle	Rocialle via Synergy
Swab packs (packs of 5 swabs used in surgery to pack open wounds, absorb blood etc).	DETEX	Synergy

5. Are any of the following swab safety products purchased for used in surgery? These products are safety products designed to help clinicians count swabs in and out of the body.

- SwabSafe™ (Central Medical Supplies) **NO**
- Surgicount™ (Stryker) **NO**
- Situate™ (Medtronic) **NO**