

FOI 2546

11th July 2024**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST****QUESTION**

Under Freedom of Information legislation please provide the SHSCT guidance and/or procedure for medical staff in the removal of External Fixator devices

RESPONSE

External fixators are removed in one of 2 places in the Southern Trust - Fracture Outpatient Clinic or in the Theatre Environment. The procedure is dependent on the fixator in situ; with the majority of external fixators being removed in Theatre. This is a clinical decision.

Clinical decision will be one of the following:

- Removal in theatre, this is under general or spinal anaesthetic.
- Removal in Clinic, under Pentrox/Entonox inhalant (Attachment 1)

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