Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-502	13th December 2021

1. The number of reported incidents of instruments unaccounted for following a surgical procedure, broken down by hospital in your Local Health Board area in the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21, along with monthly figures up to November 2021;

2. Out of these reported incidents, how many patients were x-rayed to determine if the instrument had been inadvertently retained in the patient broken down by hospital in the years and months above;

3. In each instance where an X-ray was undertaken which confirmed the instrument was inadvertently retained within the patient, can you confirm that a Duty of Candour had been evidenced by documenting the reason for X-ray within the patient record; and

4. A list of the root causes of these incidents

Date	**Hospital**	**Adverse Event**	**X-ray Undertaken**	**Duty of Candour**	**Root Cause**
July 2018	Royal Gwent Hospital	Retained needle/ swab/ instrument	**Yes**	Yes	Not Known
Dec 2018	Nevill Hall Hospital	Missing needle/swab/ instrument	**Yes**	Yes	Equipment checklist updated to include plastic protective sheaths.
June 2019	Nevill Hall Hospital	Retained needle/swab/ instrument	**No**	No xray performed.	Cannot be ascertained.
April 2019	Royal Gwent Hospital	Missing needle/swab/ instrument	**Yes**	Yes	Swab recording error.
Feb 2020	Nevill Hall Hospital	Missing needle/swab/ instrument	**Yes**	Unable to review T&O X-ray report to confirm, but logged on incidents record.	Practice of using clips to hold drapes insitu revised.
Feb 2020	St Woolos	Missing needle/ swab/ instrument	**Yes**	Yes	Not known.