

**Reference Number:** FOI202223/089  
**From:** Commercial  
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**Subject:** implementation of the recommendations set out by the NPSA and reinforced in the HSIB report for X Ray reporting, number of cases reported using a nasogastric tube, reasons for the nasogastric tube and site of the nasogastric tube

The National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA) and the recent Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch (HSIB) investigation into nasogastric tubes have reinforced the need to have clear and transparent reporting for X ray requests and interpretation of nasogastric tube placement.

“X-ray checking procedures must be timely and carried out by clinicians assessed as competent to do so. All results should be confirmed and recorded in the patient record ensuring the most current x-ray for the correct patient is reviewed, the four criteria for confirming gastric placement and clear instructions as to actions required are documented using a structured approach and communicated to the relevant nursing staff”.

There is limited flexibility within the National Interim Clinical Imaging Procedure (NICIP) Code set and may require the PACS team to capture the inputs in the free text fields.

**Q1** Can you please confirm with the Radiology Information System (RIS)/ Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) team if the Trust have implemented the recommendations set out by the NPSA and reinforced in the HSIB report for X Ray reporting?

**A1** No, the Trust has no record of being instructed to make these changes at this time

**Q2** Can you please confirm the number of “Plain Film Chest X-Ray” requests (XCHES) where a nasogastric tube / NG tube was specified as free text in the clinical indication field or requested as “XR Nasogastric tube position” (XNASG) for the period from April 1st 2021 to March 31st 2022?

**A2** Information not held - These studies have not been labelled and as such cannot currently be searched for within the system.

**Q3** Based on the response to Q2 can you please confirm if the reason for the request was captured: confirmation of 1<sup>st</sup> placement, suspected dislodgment / displacement of established nasogastric tube or simply not reported in the clinical indication field?

(This may include the SNoMED codes: Migration Of Nasogastric Tube (Disorder) 473160008)

**A3** Information not held – as per A2

