Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to respond to your request sent on the 19th July 2016. OUH can confirm that it holds the data that you requested.

1) How many instances of loss of patient property occurred for hospital visits between January 1 2015 and December 31 2015 across trusts in NHS England (if getting this level of data is not feasible within the fees remit then data from a sample of trusts in the North and South would also be usable.) 26 incidents recorded

2) Of these instances, how many were specifically
   a) Prescription spectacles (or just spectacles if that information is unavailable) 3 incidents recorded
   b) Hearing aids 2 incidents recorded

If possible, I would also like to know:

3) Of the instances of 2a and 2b, how many of these resulted in costs to the trust for replacement of the lost item, and if possible, how much this was. N/A

Please note that on 1 November 2011 the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust (ORH) merged with the Nuffield Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust (NOC) to form the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust (OUH). Our response reflects these changes. Therefore, we consider that Oxford University Hospitals Trust has released to you all of the information that it holds in relation to your request.

Yours sincerely,

Question

Dear FOI officers,

As part of a scoping exercise for a research project, I would like to know the following:

1) How many instances of loss of patient property occurred for hospital visits between January 1 2015 and December 31 2015 across trusts in NHS England (if getting this level of data is not feasible within the fees remit then data from a sample of trusts in the North and South would also be usable.)

2) Of these instances, how many were specifically
   a) Prescription spectacles (or just spectacles if that information is unavailable)
   b) Hearing aids

If possible, I would also like to know:
3) Of the instances of 2a and 2b, how many of these resulted in costs to the trust for replacement of the lost item, and if possible, how much this was.

This information would be very helpful in designing a research proposal to develop an affordable RFID tracking device to fit to such items to help reduce their loss and associated impact.