Tragedy as toddler dies after swallowing a battery which eroded into artery

The tot was rushed to North Hampshire Hospital (Image: Google Streetview)

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A toddler has died after swallowing a battery, an inquest was told.

Francesca Asan, aged two, was taken to North Hampshire Hospital in Basingstoke by her frantic parents.

The “very sick” tot died within a couple of hours after medics had been unable to work out what was wrong with her.

It was only after exhaustive tests afterwards that the little battery was found, the Sunday People reports.

It is not known when she swallowed it.
Yesterday Hampshire Police said: “This is being treated as a non-suspicious death.”

The inquest at Basingstoke, Hants, on Friday was told Francesca Asan from Basingstoke, died from acute gastro haemorrhage as a result of a foreign body (the battery) in her oesophagus eroding into a right artery.

The hearing was adjourned until 23 August.