

FOI REF: 23/337

3rd July 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Please confirm whether The Trust have had any independent Royal College Reports carried out from 2018 to present day?

If so please provide:

- **The number of reports undertaken and the dates the area / areas where the report was carried out.**

We have had one report, conducted by the Royal College of Surgeons since 2018.

- **If the reports concern a specific clinician / the speciality of the clinician, please provide a copy of the report.**

I can confirm that we hold this information but it is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Personal Information of third parties. This is because this information may allow the identification of individual staff members due to the small number and disclosure would breach the principles of the Data Protection Act.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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