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**Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Please find my Freedom of Information Request below:

I would like to know if there are any surgical procedures performed in the Trust where surgical smoke evacuation use is mandatory?

Smoke evacuators are used in the majority of orthopaedic patients as well as major abdominal procedures.

NICE Guidelines I understand recommend that smoke evacuators should be used for all procedures. There is a plan that there will be a smoke evacuator in all theatres by the end of the financial year.