

Our Ref: 506/2021
May 2021

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

Dear Freedom of Information officer,

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, regarding the training of surgeons in all hospitals under your jurisdiction.

1. How many surgeons have been offered training following a serious incident in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 (so far)? Please provide a breakdown by year.

We have no record of any surgeon being offered re-training in the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

For each of these, please provide a description of the incident and the training offered.

N/A.

2. How many surgeons have failed revalidation in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 (so far)? Please provide a breakdown by year.

For each case where a surgeon has failed their revalidation process, please include details of what led to the failure.

None. Revalidation is not pass/fail. We may defer the date to gather more evidence to support revalidation recommendations or if there is an ongoing process following an investigation. We cannot identify any deferrals that are because of an incident or a need for re-training.

Please include locum or agency staff if you hold information on them.

This includes locum staff employed by us. But we are not the Responsible Body for Agency Medical Staff.

By 'serious incident', I am referring to the definition and description of a serious incident outlined in the NHS England Serious Incident Framework.

Please provide this information electronically in Microsoft Word or Excel format.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request. I would be happy to answer questions about my request via email or phone.