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## Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I want to submit an FOI request for BBC News. I am a senior journalist working in the Health team with our health editor, Hugh Pym.

Please can you confirm:

1 - For years :

2024/25 – 467

2023/24 – 366

2022/23 - 347

2021/22 – 463

2020/21 – 159

2019/20 -147

How many patient safety incidents met the requirements for the statutory duty of candour?

ANSWER: a number - eg. **10... for each of the 6 years requested.**

2 - Across your surgical teams, do you have any surgeons that are currently internally suspended from carrying out their duties at your Trust?

ANSWER: **yes** OR no

***The Trust is unable to provide this information as the numbers involved are fewer than five. Disclosure could lead to the identification of individuals and would therefore constitute personal data. This information is withheld under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as disclosure would be unfair and unlawful under UK GDPR***

If you do have surgeons that are currently suspended, did you inform the GMC or is it an internal matter?

ANSWER: **GMC involved** OR **handled internally**

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If you do have surgeons that are currently suspended, did the RCS provide a report/advice/support in any capacity.

ANSWER: **yes** OR no

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If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to [d.wraith@nhs.net](mailto:d.wraith@nhs.net).

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

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Website: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

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