

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 21-240**

6 May 2021

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting
  
- 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.**
  - 2018 - 4
  - 2019 - 2
  - 2020 - 0

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

**Incident Description:**

- Bowel perforation after gynaecological surgery.
- Complication during hysterectomy surgery.
- Complication during ectopic surgery.
- Wrong side anaesthetic nerve block
- Delay in treating and diagnosing necrotising fasciitis
- Incorrect drug administered.

**Training offered:**

Supervised practice by the Medical Directors team, Supervision of hysteroscopy and completion with Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) on site Assessment Training (OSAT), Supervision of diagnostic/operative laparoscopies with Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) on site Assessment Training (OSAT)

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

- 2018 - 0
- 2019 - 0

- 2020 - 0

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

It is not possible to “fail” revalidation. The Responsible Officer can either make a positive recommendation, defer a recommendation decision due to a number of reasons- this is a neutral act and has no bearing on a doctors ability to practice, or they can make a non-engagement recommendation to the General Medical Council

It should be noted that revalidation recommendations were suspended by the General Medical Council for a period in 2020 due to the pandemic and ALL doctors due to revalidate between 17 March 2020 and end March 2021 automatically had a deferral applied- this was across ALL doctors and implemented by the General Medical Council due to covid-19 and not a local response

More information on revalidation can be found on this link <https://www.rcseng.ac.uk/standards-and-research/standards-and-guidance/revalidation/>

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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