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**From:** Private Individual  
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- Q1 Please confirm whether The Trust have had any independent Royal College Reports carried out from 2018 to present day?
- A1 Two Royal College reports have been undertaken since 2018.
- Q2 The number of reports undertaken the dates and the area/areas where the report was carried out.
- A2 One review was undertaken in 2019 which was into a specific surgeon's practice and one review in 2022 as a joint review with NHS England following a Freedom to Speak Up concerning surgical outcomes.
- Q3 If the reports concern a specific clinician the speciality of the clinician, please provide a copy of the report.
- A3 The review undertaken in 2019 covered the practice of a specific individual rather than organisational practice and such is exempt under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved. With regards to copies of reports, the Freedom of Information Act gives rights of public access to information held by public authorities. This right covers all recorded information held by a public authority; public authorities only have to provide information they already have in recorded form, they do not have to create new information or respond to general questions and the Act doesn't confer any explicit right to copies of original documents. Section 8 of the Act states that one requirement for a request for information to be valid is that it describes the information being requested, therefore please advise what particular information you are requesting in respect of the documents listed.

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