

Ref. No: 063040521  
From: Press  
Date: 04/05/21  
Subject: Training of surgeons

## REQUEST

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.
  - a. For each of these, please provide a description of the incident and the training offered.
1. How many surgeons have failed revalidation in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 (so far)? Please provide a breakdown by year.
  - a. For each case where a surgeon has failed their revalidation process, please include details of what led to the failure.

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

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.

## RESPONSE

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: 0

2019: \* <5

2020: 0

2021 (to April 2021): 0

**\* Please note:** We are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed “lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner”. It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.

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

See answer to 1\* above

2. 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

2021 (to April 2021): 0

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

N/A