

Ref: FOI/2024/10116

Date Received: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Response Due: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**Since April 2020, have you commissioned or received any Royal College invited reviews into your services? Please list service involved, Royal College involved, date commissioned, and date delivered.**

**For each of the reviews:**

**1. Were any patient safety issues raised by the invited review?**

Overall, the review team were of the opinion that the care provided to the patients in the sample of clinical records was of an acceptable standard. They noted that the majority of the complications experienced by patients in the sample of records were within the expected range of outcomes in providing surgical care. However, there were some areas of concern identified by the team and this was detailed within the report.

**2. If so, did you inform your regulator/s? Which ones and when?**

- Individual Consultants were provided with an outcome of their respective case
- An independent Consultant attend the trust to discuss the outcome of the review with the respective surgeons
- The ICB were aware of the review commissioned from the RCS. They were notified on the 24/01/2020 that a RCS review was being completed.

**3. If patient safety issue was identified, was this discussed by the board, either in public or private? When was this and can you include a link to the relevant board papers?**

The RCS review completed in 2020 was on the Surgical Divisions Q&S report in August 2020.

**4. If a patient safety issue was identified, did you publish a summary of the report – its conclusions, recommendations, terms of reference and actions taken by you? Please include a link showing where it can be seen.**

The Trust would not publish reports pertaining to individual cases as this would potentially identify both a patient and the individual involved in each incident.

**5. If a patient safety issue was identified, did you exercise duty of candour to those patients affected? How many and when were they contacted?**

Of all the cases reviewed by the Royal College of Surgeons, the Trust has evidence that supports that duty of candour was served in 5 cases. They were contacted on 05/04/2018, 05/11/2018, 17/12/2018, 17/05/2019 and 29/06/2020.

**Please attach all invited reviews commissioned or received since April 2020. We appreciate certain details which identify individuals may need to be redacted. However, please state what exemption you are planning to use if you do not send reports.**

Please see attached.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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Medical Director

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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