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Russell's Hall Hospital
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Date: 2nd June 2023

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

Request for Information Please confirm whether The Trust have had any independent Royal College Reports carried out from 2018 to present day?

If so, please provide:

The number of reports undertaken and the dates the area / areas where the report was carried out. If the reports concern a specific clinician, the specialty of the clinician Please provide a copy of the report.

Response

Due to the amount of feedback in the report from staff members the Trust has carried out a Public Interest Test and has deemed the information you have requested to be exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 S.36 (2) (b) the disclosure would or would likely inhibit (ii) the free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation. The Trust has undertaken a balancing test of the public interest for and against disclosure as required by the Freedom of Information Act to come to this decision.

The Trust can confirm that as part of internal assurance, it may be deemed reasonable or necessary to invite Royal Colleges to carry out reviews on an ad hoc basis. This may be for a number of reasons which are used to improve NHS Services etc. The Trust has deemed that disclosing reports produced by such reviews will affect the effectiveness of outcomes and is likely to prejudice the ability to carry out future reviews.

These are not mandatory or regulatory reviews, or one required by law and as such staff willingness to take part and provide full and frank views is vital.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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