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REQUEST

I am writing to request the following information under the 2000 Freedom of Information Act.

1. a) How many surgeons were dismissed AND/OR disciplined following one or more serious incident(s) in the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021(so far)?

b) *Of those cases, how many were disciplined/dismissed following an investigation into the individual AND/OR surgical unit by one of these bodies i) Royal College of Surgeons, ii) GMC iii) CQC?*
c) For each of these, please provide details of how many serious incidents occurred and the details of each incident.

Note: By 'serious incident', I am referring to the definition and description of a serious incident outlined in the [NHS England Serious Incident Framework](#).

For 1 a, b and c, please provide a breakdown by year.

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

Please can I have the above information in the form of a spreadsheet or similar data table.

RESPONSE

1. a) How many surgeons were dismissed AND/OR disciplined following one or more serious incident(s) in the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021(so far)?

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.

- b) Of those cases, how many were disciplined/dismissed following an investigation into the individual AND/OR surgical unit by one of these bodies i) Royal College of Surgeons, ii) GMC iii) CQC?

Zero.

- c) For each of these, please provide details of how many serious incidents occurred and the details of each incident.

See 1A