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REQUEST

If possible, I would like to make an FOI request to obtain the following information via email:

1. **The number of registered audits / quality improvement projects / research projects (planned and completed) since October 2020 at your Trust.**

   - The Research Development & Innovation (RDI) Department have had 158 research projects since October 2020.

   - The Quality Improvement & Clinical Audit (QICA) Department, between October 2020 to end of March 2023, have registered nearly 600 new Quality Improvement Projects (QIPs) or Clinical Audit projects (N563).

2. **The number of audits / quality improvement projects / research projects that have an environmental / sustainability focus as part of their agenda.**

   - RDI Department – Nil

   - QICA Department – Two

3. **A breakdown of the topics that the environmental / sustainability audits / quality improvement projects / research projects focus on.**

   - RDI Department – N/A

   - QICA Department have the following sustainability project registered within the time frame you have referred to:

     o Promoting sustainable anaesthesia: We need to talk about "Des". (Desflurane)

- Additionally, we have a new submission pending registration from the Orthopaedic team:

    - Sustainability Review of the surgical waste associated with Arthroplasty

4. Whether your Trust has a sustainability lead.

Yes

5. Whether your Trust has a sustainability policy included in clinical governance meetings and junior doctor induction materials.

No

6. Does your Trust have a sustainability working group / board and how many clinicians are on this.

Three

To elaborate, an environmental or sustainability focus might include audits / research projects involving any of carbon reduction / decarbonization, emissions, energy efficiency, renewables, environmental impact, the use of single use plastics, food waste, sustainability of care models, waste disposal.