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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4352

I am writing in response to your request for an internal review of FOI 4336 submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, this internal review was received on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.  
Your original request was as follows:

Please release all reports resulting from an "invited review" by any Academy of Medical Royal Colleges member in the last five years.

Further information on invited reviews carried out by Royal Colleges can be found here:

<https://www.aomrc.org.uk/invited-reviews/>

Please see our original response below in [blue](#).

I confirm that The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust can neither confirm nor deny that it holds the information you have requested. However, I am unable to provide you with that information as I consider that the following exemptions apply to it:

### Section 40 (2) - Third Party Data

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), due to the minimal number of patients identified, and in answering your query may lead to the undue stress of families and patients as this information may still lead to patients being identified. Therefore this information has not been released for reasons of confidentiality.

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

This response therefore acts as a refusal notice under section 17 of the FOIA.

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) has now conducted an internal review following on from your original request which was dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Our Internal Review Process details that one of three outcomes can be made from this, the outcomes are as follows:

- The original response is upheld; or
- The original response is reversed in part or in full; or
- The original response is modified.

Please see our response to the internal review below in [blue](#).

Following on from the internal review where we have assessed all options and have made the decision to uphold the original response of applying Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT). I should explain that the FOI Act is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOI Act does not require public




authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

**Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.**

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



**Ms Hayley Citrine, Chief Executive Officer**

