

## Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

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### You asked

1. How many surgeons have been offered training following a serious incident in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 (so far)? Please provide a breakdown by year.

a. For each of these, please provide a description of the incident and the training offered

Incident Type / Incident Date	2018	2019	2020	2021	Training offered
Medical Device Failure	Five or fewer	Five or fewer			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failure of Ethicon vascular endostapler. Training for all staff to set up and deploy device.</li> <li>• Human Factors training.</li> </ul>
Wrong Site Surgery	Five or fewer	Five or fewer	Five or fewer		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team training/ simulation programme for identification of red flags and escalation processes.</li> <li>• Human Factors training.</li> <li>• Consent process training.</li> <li>• Positive Patient Identification training.</li> <li>• Stop Before You Block training.</li> </ul>

**2. How many surgeons have failed revalidation in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 (so far)? Please provide a breakdown by year.**

**a. For each case where a surgeon has failed their revalidation process, please include details of what led to the failure.**

We cannot answer the question because there is no 'Fail' in the revalidation process. University Hospitals Plymouth would make a recommendation, at the appropriate time, to the General Medical Council (GMC), from 1 of 3 options:

- Revalidate
- Defer
- Non-engagement

The GMC describes these in detail in their document "The GMC protocol for making revalidation recommendations" (See their website)  
For 'revalidate' or 'defer' the GMC would usually follow our recommendation, but may choose not to if they have other information about the doctor concerned.

If we recommend non-engagement then the GMC response is also described in "The GMC protocol..." document.

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

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

### **Legal notes**

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