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### **Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

### **Request**

**I am undergoing a course at university of Wolverhampton. I have an assignment to write a root cause analysis report undertaken within the last 12 months by my healthcare organisation. I am expected to analyse the findings in the context of its implications on the organisation's healthcare policy and guidelines while maintaining utmost confidentiality and anonymity of all subjects involved.**

### **Response**

**The Trust does hold this information; however, the reports contain very detailed and highly sensitive personal information which the Trust believes that even if some of the information is redacted (blacked out), then the nature and information relating to the incident would still identify the individual (data subject). We are therefore withholding this information under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.**

**The Trust is also applying section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act; the disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) by the public authority holding it would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.**

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.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
**The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**