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Audit of Patients who had Wedge Resection for Lung Cancer following RCS Recommendations

I would like the following information:

- 1. A copy of the outcome report or findings of an audit carried out on the patients who had a wedge resection for lung cancer following a recommendation by the Royal College of Surgeons after it carried out an invited service review of cardiothoracic surgery in the Trust in March 2020.**

The information you have requested is attached in a separate document.

You will note we have redacted names/identifiers of staff within the Royal College of Surgeons (RCS), as they are not employees of Belfast Trust.

We have also redacted personal information/identifiers concerning individual patients.

The redacted information is subject to Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Personal Information Relating to a Third Party.

This is deemed personal information about another individual and disclosure would breach one or more of the principles of the Data Protection Act.

- 2. The number of patients included in the audit.**

Fifty eight patient records were submitted for review. Of these, seventeen were identified by RCS as outside the remit of the review. Of the remaining forty one patients, Belfast Trust was advised to undertake an audit and review of the care and treatment of six patients.

This review has been completed, with an independent Chair, an independent Oncologist and an external independent Consultant Thoracic Surgeon. No clinical concerns were identified.