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## Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for further information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to registered audits, QIPS, service improvements and research projects.

## You originally asked:

Would it be possible to have the number of registered audits/QIPS/service improvements/research projects at your Trust (since October 2020), and of those, how many have an environmental/sustainability agenda?

## Trust response:

The number of studies open can be found from the Research & Development section of the Quality Accounts which can be found on our website. <a href="http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Quality-Accounts-2020-2021-FINAL.pdf">http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Quality-Accounts-2020-2021-FINAL.pdf</a>

The Trust has no research studies of an environmental/sustainability agenda at this current time.

The Trust received your follow-up question on Monday 09 August 2021 which asked:

When reading the report, I can see a total of 76 projects were carried out, but I was wondering if there might be a way of accessing how many were started/completed in or after October 2020, and a breakdown of research type e.g.: QIP/service evaluations/research projects/audits, etc.?

Since our previous response we have received further information as follows: Research studies:

Number of studies opened and closed in the Month of October 2020 = 6Number of studies opened and closed from 1st October 2020 - 31st March 2021 = 18 Clinical audits:

Registered 1/10/2020 to 31/03/2021 = 43

Registered 1/04/2021 to date = 89

These are a mixture of local and national clinical audits.

None of these clinical audits have an environmental/sustainability agenda as their primary purpose is to ensure that our patients' treatment/care meets the required standard and where it doesn't meet that standard to implement improvements.

QIP's: 67 QIPs have been registered with the Medical Education Department since October 2020 – of which one QIP has been registered in relation to the environmental/sustainability agenda.