

### **Access to e-portfolio material**

There have recently been cases where trainees in other specialties have had material from their e-portfolio requested as part of legal proceedings.

The Academy is writing guidance for trainees on this issue.

The College interim advice is:

1. If trainees receive a request to release reflective notes or other material from their e-portfolio they should seek legal advice before doing so.
2. Reflections following a SUI are important but a detailed description of the incident and the reflection does not need to be stored in the e-portfolio. For example a trainee could reflect on an incident with their Educational Supervisor or TPD. The discussion could then be recorded in the portfolio without a need to include the clinical details using a workplace-based assessment tool such as Case Based Discussion.

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