

FOI REF: 22/546

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- 1. Please provide the name, email address and phone number for your Trust's Medical Device Trainer**

According to our Freedom of Information Policy we only release the names and contact details of staff on Grade 8a and above. The post of Medical Device Trainer is below a Grade 8a and therefore the details requested cannot be provided. However, we can provide the generic email address as below:

esh-tr.MedicalDevicesEducators@nhs.net

- 2. Does your trust utilise e-learning for clinical application training for medical devices? (Remit of the Medical Device Trainer?)**

Medical devices training is delivered face to face as a practical session in order to allow the end users to practice with the equipment and troubleshoot problems. Competencies are then signed off once the trainer is satisfied that the user has shown that they are proficient in using the device. Staff are able to access training videos and resources electronically to support the practical training element.

- 3. Please provide the name, email address and phone number for your Trust's Learning and Development Manager**

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4. **Within decontamination science, does the Trust utilise apprenticeships? (Remit of Learning and Development Manager)**

Yes – Pre-COVID, 7 HSDU Technicians completed Healthcare Science Assistant Level 2.

5. **Within medical engineering/clinical engineering/medical physics, does the Trust utilise apprenticeships? (Remit of Learning and Development Manager)**

Yes – Recruiting shortly to be developed via Apprenticeship Standard. Past apprentices were developed via frameworks. EME developed Electrical Maintenance Engineers.

6. **Does your Trust utilise a third party company for training medical engineering/clinical engineering/medical physics – i.e. the repair of medical devices? If so, what is the name of the third party?**

No.

7. **Does your Trust utilise a third party company for training sterile services staff - operators/ technicians? If so, what is the name of the third party?**

All in house training has been conducted by the team directly. External apprenticeship providers plan to be used in the future to offer staff the ability to undertake extra training. These providers have not been decided yet.

8. **Does the Trust utilise the Salisbury framework for non-apprenticeship training courses (Remit of Learning and Development Manager)**

Training courses at East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, which are recognised national requirements and not Trust specific, follow the Core Skills Training Framework.

9. **Regarding the sterilisation of surgical instruments and endoscopes, does the trust undertake this 'in-house' or outsource the requirement?**

This is undertaken in-house.

- 9a. **If outsourced, what company provides the service?**

Not applicable.

- 9b. **If managed in-house, how many people operate in the sterilisation department?**

9 members of staff.

10. Please provide the name, email address and phone number for the person responsible for sterilisation of the Trust's medical devices

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If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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