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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 could you confirm, what is the job role of your Radiation Protection Supervisor (RPS) in your Trust?

I can confirm that we hold the information requested above. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain and can be accessed by the following links:

[The Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/l121.pdf>

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

However, we can confirm that duties may include:

- Ensuring that local rules are up to date and followed.
- Overseeing the quality assurance programme for X-Ray and ancillary equipment.
- Carrying out Radiation Risk assessments for the Trust.
- Undertaking routine checks of safety and warning systems.
- Ensuring that 3-yearly safety and performance checks are carried out on all X-Ray ancillary equipment.
- Issue and collection of personal dosimetry.
- Liaising with the Radiation Protection Advisor when necessary.

- Meeting regulators and accompanying them on inspections.
- Investigation and reporting radiation incidents as they occur.
- Dealing with outside workers who wish to enter Controlled Areas.
- Undertaking local training for new users of ionising radiation.
- Performing risk assessments and determining contingency plans.
- Taking part in emergency exercises.
- Undertaking the day to day maintenance of any records in support of the above duties.
- Attending Radiation Protection Committee meetings.

2) Do you have a separate RPS for your Operating Theatres? If so, what is their Job role besides being the RPS?

No.

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

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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

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Yours sincerely

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