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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5423**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 07th November 2022.

Your request was as follows:

We are very interested to learn more about the theatre structure and DSU / Elective Hub configuration of within Trust and to understand your use of Anaesthesia Associates and ODPs.

Please can you share with us the following information:

How many theatres do you have? (please clearly identify if these are DSU/Elective Hub)

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust has 8 theatres (only 7 commissioned for use) 6 are for elective surgery and 1 is for emergency surgery.

Do you have an elective hub? If you do, please can you share any available SOPs and guidance relating to the Elective Hub.

No.

How many sessions do you run each day (within main theatres/ EH/DSU) and what are the timings of these sessions?

6 elective theatres run 2 sessions per day Mon to Friday (from 9am-5pm)  
Emergency theatre runs for 24hrs a day.

What is the skill mix for the sessions? broken down by specialities please.

Every elective theatre has band 5 and band 6 practitioners. (3 in total) along with a HCA for all specialities.

Please can you share the Job descriptions and person descriptions for anyone in a band 8a positions and above within the theatre management structure

Please share a copy of the theatre management structure

Please see attached.

How many WTE Anaesthesia Associates (AA's) do you have?

None.

Do you run an ongoing training programme for AA's , if you do, what is your in take each year?

Please can you supply details of your AA training programme

N/A

How many WTE ODPs do you have?

Please can you share an ODP JD and role description

The WCFT has 20.89 WTE on anaesthetics.

Please see attached.

How many WTE ODP vacancies do you have?

The WCFT currently has 2 Band 5 ODP vacancies on anaesthetics.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

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