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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5652

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 27th March 2023.

Your request was as follows:

This request relates specifically to the training (if any) that the Trust provides to its clinical staff, for example nurses, in how to correctly use medical devices.

Medical Device = A medical device is any device intended to be used for medical purposes. For the purposes of this query, examples such as Anaesthetic machine, patient monitor, Infusion device, ECG Machine, defibrillator, thermometers, etc.

1. Do employees at the trust undertake clinical end user training for medical devices?

Yes.

2. Which departments or employee titles are required to undertake medical device end user training?

This is dependent upon on the type of medical device and who is required to use it. Departments include all clinical areas. It is not possible to list employee titles as they would be varied depending upon device.

3. How is the training provided?

- Online/E-learning
- In person
- Combination of online & in person
- Other (please state)

Depending on the equipment/devices the training can be provided either online, in person or a combination of the two.

4. Who provides/ produces the training?

- Manufacturer
- Someone directly employed by the trust (please provide job title)
- A third party (please provide the name of the provider)

- Other (please state)

The training is usually delivered by representatives from the company, often educator roles or the Walton Centre's Practice Educator/ Nurse Specialist/ Clinical Educator.

5. What types of medical devices are subject to such end user training?

Anaesthetic machine, patient monitor, Infusion device, ECG Machine, defibrillator, thermometers, bladder scanners.

6. If the training is online/e-learning, what Learning Management System (LMS) does the Trust use for employee training? Examples: Moodle, Totara, Mindflash, Google Classroom

This is usually a link sent from the company and can vary.

7. If you do use Learning Management Software, does it enable managers to see whether their staff are up to date with training?

I can confirm that there is no admin overview so managers are unable to see staff statistics.

8. Is annual recertification of competence managed manually, or does your Learning Management System automatically send reminders and allocate the appropriate courses to users?

Any annual recertification is managed manually.

9. How much funding has the trust allocated to e-Learning in the past year?

E-learning is completed via ESR so there is no direct cost.

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

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Yours sincerely

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