

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to your NHS Trust, please see the questions below:

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? **Allied health professionals as well as all Nursing staff and support workers, depending on the type of equipment being used.**
3. How is the training provided?
 - Online/E-learning
 - In person
 - Combination of online & in person
 - Other (please state)
Face to Face
4. Who provides/ produces the training?

The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the website <https://eput.nhs.uk/media/y2jiiq3s/eput-foi-22-2640.pdf> website and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means):

 - Manufacturer
 - Someone directly employed by the trust (please provide job title)
 - A third party (please provide the name of the provider)
 - Other (please state)
5. What types of medical devices are subject to such end user training? **All medical devices, ranging from profiling beds to blood glucose monitors and ECG machines.**

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
Face to face registers of staff training should be held locally by the ward and the representative who is delivering the training

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

N/A

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

Face to face and attendance register should be held locally

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

The Trust's direct budget for 2022/23 is £1.66m, within this we cannot easily identify the specific amount allocated to E-Learning, as this will include all aspects of training- online or face to face.

Applied Exemption:

Section 21: Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

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