

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.161
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Thank you for your email received 14 September 2022 requesting information regarding medical devices and education and development.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

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

The Trust does not employ a designated medical device trainer. The responsibility for ensuring that staff are trained in medical devices sits with the service managers and the method of training is dependent on the device, risk factors, frequency of use etc.

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

Yes, for some devices – this is product dependant

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

It is Trust policy to not release names and contact details of staff below Executive Director Level as this constitutes personal information which is exempt under Section 40(2) in conjunction with Section 40(3A)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which relates to 'Personal Information'.

An excerpt of the relevant Freedom of Information legislation can be found below:

Section 40 – Personal information

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—

- (a) it constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1), and
- (b) either the first, second or third condition below is satisfied.

(3a) The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act

- (a) would contravene any of the data protection principles, or
- (b) would do so if the exemptions in section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (manual unstructured data held by public authorities) were disregarded.

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We can advise that the Director with overall responsibility for Education and Development is Victoria Robinson-Collins – Director of People and Organisational Development, victoria.robinson-collins@nhs.net 01622 211900

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

No

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

No

6. Does your Trust utilise a third party company for training medical engineering/clinical engineering/medical physics – i.e. the repair of medical devices?

No - our trust has an external contract for EME provision, who is contracted to ensure trained engineers are provided. **If so, what is the name of the third party?** Not applicable

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?

The trust has an external contract for sterile services who are expected to provide training to staff. This is audited yearly and are subject to external audits also.

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

No

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

Outsourced with external contracts in place

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

9b. If managed in-house, how many people operate in the sterilisation department? Not applicable

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

As stated above this is outsourced and provided by IHSS