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Dear Requester,

FOI 1766

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

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.

With regards to Theatres:

Please can you share with us the following information:

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

Luton site: 17 Theatres. 14 main theatres, 2 obstetric and 1 OMFS day case theatre.

Bedford site: 11 Theatres. 10 main theatres and 1 obstetric theatre.

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

No, we do not have an elective hub

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

Luton site: 2 sessions per day. Morning session is 08.30-13.00. Afternoon session is 13.45-18.15.

Bedford site: 2 sessions per day. Morning session is 09.00-13.00. Afternoon session is 13.30-17.30.

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

2 scrub, 1 ODP and 1 theatre support worker (all specialties on both sites). Complex and major cases may have an additional scrub nurse +/- TSW where required.

With regard to Theatre management:

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

Both sites have a Head of Theatres (AfC 8B) and Operational Theatre Manager (AfC 8A).

Job descriptions attached.

**Please share a copy of the theatre management structure
Section 21 (already in the public domain). Please see the Who's who on our disclosure log
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With regard to Anaesthesia associates and ODPs:

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

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

No, N/A

Please can you supply details of your AA training programme?

N/A

How many WTE ODPs do you have?

Luton site: 37.9 WTE

Bedford site: 25.09 WTE

Please can you share an ODP JD and role description?

Please see attached

How many WTE ODP vacancies do you have?

Luton site: 5 WTE

Bedford site: 7 WTE

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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