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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,

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