



FOI 2098

Date 14/06/2023

Dear Requester,

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

You asked:

- 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? All Depts that use a device maintained by Clinical Engineering.
- 3. How is the training provided?

Combination of online & in person – for some specific devices companies provide online training

4. Who provides/ produces the training?

Manufacturer For new devices and some update training Someone directly employed by the trust - The Clinical Devices Trainer

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

There is around 190 device competencies.

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

No, we currently have an excel spread sheet for each wards compliance which is sent to ward managers every other month. This will move to E-Quip soon and all staff will be able to see compliance

- 8. Is annual recertification of competence managed manually, or does your Learning Management System automatically send reminders and allocate the appropriate courses to users? Compliance is updated every 2 years and the system is manually managed
- 9. How much funding has the trust allocated to e-Learning for medical devices in the past year?

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Yours sincerely,

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