

Sterile Services

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Question #1

How many surgical trays were processed by Sterile Services during the period 01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022? . If possible is the total number of trays processed able to be broken down to instrument level? If yes, how many instruments were processed during 01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022? .

The Trust can confirm that we hold this information for the Eastern area:-

- Eastern area – 112,785 Tray sets.
- 3,018,743 Instruments during the specified time scale.

The Northern area can confirm that the Trust hold the information for the Northern area: -

- Northern area – 22896 Tray sets.
- 40132 Instruments during the specified time scale.

Question #2

During the period 01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022, what was the Sterile Services –?

- Operational Staffing Structure
- Post Titles
- Banding for Posts

Area	Staff description	Banding	Total
Northern	Facilities clinical service manager/decontamination lead	8a	1
Northern	Sterile Service Manager	7	1
Northern	Quality/Assurance lead/senior technician	4	1
Northern	Senior Technicians	3	3
Northern	technicians	2	19
Northern	Admin support	2	1
Eastern	HSDU Manager	7	1
Eastern	HSDU Production Manager	6	2
Eastern	ISO Quality and Admin Manager	4	1
Eastern	Training Officer	3	1
Eastern	HSDU Senior Technicians	3	6
Eastern	HSDU Technicians	2	29

Question #3

What was the budgeted hours (FTE / WTE) for the posts described in *question #2* for the period 01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022?

i.e., 1.0 x FTE/WTE Manager, 5.0 x FTE/WTE Team Leaders, 12.0 x FTE/WTE Technicians . The Trust holds this information.

North area: -

- 1 manager FTE
- 4 senior technicians FTE
- 15.5 technicians
- 0.5 admin support

Eastern area: - Please see answer for Eastern area in question 2.

Question #4

What are the operational hours and shift times for Sterile Services and how many FTE / WTE are allocated for each post per shift?

Northern area: -

- Monday to Friday 24-hour service.
- Monday to Friday 7am/8am to 3pm/4pm 7 per shift
- Monday to Friday 12-8 7 per shift
- Monday to Friday 7pm-8am 4 per shift.

Eastern area: -

- Early Shift: 08:00 – 16:00hrs, approximately 14 WTE allocated
- Late Shift: 13:30 – 21:30hrs, approximately 14 WTE allocated
- Night Shift: 21:30 – 07:30hrs, approximately 8 WTE allocated

Question #5

Does the Sterile Service use additional staff above budgeted staffing allowance, such as Bank or Agency Staffing to provide additional resources? .

The Trust holds this information.

In the Northern area of the Trust, yes we use bank hours in instances of staff shortages.

For the Eastern area the answer is No, however, Bank & Agency staff have been used to supplement existing unfilled vacancies.

Question #6

How many theatre surgical procedures were carried out in the period 01/04/2022 – 31/03/2022?

Northern Answer: 8229 Main Theatres Surgical Operations (date range used was 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022).

At the Eastern area of the Trust, there were 26,337 individual surgical cases with a performed procedure recorded in our EPR. This number excludes activity in our Cath Lab.

Question #7

From *question #6*, how many of the procedures would be considered Joint Replacements?

i.e., Knee Replacement, Hip Replacement, Shoulder Replacement, Arthroplasty Revision

For the Northern area of the Trust: 401 were Replacement operations (Hip, Knee, Shoulder) including revisions.

For the Eastern area of the Trust there were 995 procedures that would be considered as joint replacements based on OPCS codes for replacement/revision, including total replacement as well as replacement of only one component.

Question #8

What certification / accreditation does the Sterile Service hold for its quality management system?

For the North area, the quality system is audited against ISO 13485 and holds BSI accreditation.

For the Eastern area, ISO 13485 Quality management System UK MDR 2002 (as amended), Part II, Annex V