

Medical Devices Training

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

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

This request relates specifically to the training (if any) that the Trust provides to its clinical staff, for example nurses, in how to correctly use medical devices.

Medical Device = A medical device is any device intended to be used for medical purposes. For the purposes of this query, examples such as Anaesthetic machine, patient monitor, Infusion device, ECG Machine, defibrillator, thermometers, etc.

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 clinical area staff, dependent upon complexity and usage of equipment.

3. How is the training provided?

- Online/E-learning Yes
- In person Yes
- Combination of online & in person Yes
- Other (please state) N/A.

4. Who provides/ produces the training?

- Manufacturer Yes.
- Someone directly employed by the trust (please provide job title). Cascade trainers / Practice Educators.
- A third party (please provide the name of the provider). No.
- Other (please state). N/A.

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

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. This training is held using Learn+, manufacturer on-line, in-house systems. The organisation uses Totara, a Moodle based LMS.

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

8. Is annual recertification of competence managed manually, or does your Learning Management System automatically send reminders and allocate the appropriate courses to users? Manually via Induction process, during annual appraisals and as necessary thereafter.

9. How much funding has the trust allocated to e-Learning for medical devices in the past year? . The Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust has a salaried eLearning team who work with local subject matter experts to create eLearning and so direct funding for a topic is not generally required.