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Dear ,

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked:

1 - Does your trust stock "Difficult airway/can't intubate, can't ventilate" equipment (ie: tracheotomy and cricothyrotomy equipment) within your resuscitation department/have the equipment available to A&E?

Yes

2 - Does your trust stock fiberoptic intubation equipment that is available in an emergency airway situation within A&E?

Yes

3 - Does your trust stock video laryngoscopes within your resuscitation department/have the equipment readily available to A&E?

Yes

4 - What level (if any) of training is provided by your trust to Anaesthetics trainees with regard to "Can't intubate/Can't ventilate" (CICV) situations, including practical training in performing CICV rescue procedures?

Simulation training is undertaken within the Trust

5 - At what level (if any) of training does your trust require Anaesthetics trainees (including registrars) to be competent in CICV practical rescue procedures as a requirement of their job role (or are such matters left in the hands of the Deaneries)?

This is part of simulation training for all trainees

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6 - What level (if any) of training is provided in your trust to nursing staff with A&E regarding airway management and CICV situations?

All registered nurses receive yearly BLS updates which include the practicing and demonstrating of airway opening manoeuvres and manual airway opening manoeuvres.

Registered Nurses are regularly allocated to attend ALS and ILS update study days which will include skill stations involving the use of airway adjuncts and assisting at the insertion of a definitive airway. E.g. intubation.

A rolling program of registered nurses will attend annual ALS courses which again will include basic and advanced airway management skills.

When allocated into the Resuscitation Room nurses will receive hands on training in airway skills under the tuition and supervision of the Resuscitation Nurse Specialist and Senior A/E Medical and anaesthetic Staff.

7 - What level (if any) of training is provided in your trust to nursing staff with A&E regarding "Human Factors" (including if possible - with regard to emergency situations)?

With regards to Human factors in A/E nursing staff, when attending ALS, ILS, APLS courses, are encouraged to learn and develop skills in team working and decision making in emergency situations.

They explore team membership; the roles and responsibilities of the members within the emergency team when faced with life threatening emergency situations whilst attending these courses.

Departmental training in Human factors again is discussed and explored when all Nursing Staff attend an in-house Major Trauma Training Day. Here staff look at team dynamics and the management of stress in emergency situations.

I hope you find this information useful, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 256335. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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