



Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/19-483

Date: 14th November 2018

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 11th November 2018 (received into our office 12th November) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding biomedical scientist/university biomedical science placement students.

On 12th November 2018 we contacted you via email as we required a timeframe for the information to begin and end at.

“Within the last 5 years please”

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 The FOI request concerns how your Trust's laboratories train its student/trainee Biomedical scientists in Point of Care Testing (POCT) to meet the HCPC registration requirements for Biomedical scientists.

FOI request

For each pathology discipline in your Trust/Health Board (i.e. Microbiology, Haematology, Blood transfusion, Biochemistry, Histopathology etc...);

1. On average how many trainee biomedical scientist/university biomedical science placement students do you have a year?

A1 Please see below:

- 3 x University applied route biomedical placements per year.
- 7 x apprenticeship biomedical science students (4 year course)
- Approx. 10-12 internal on-going trainee biomedical scientists per year

Q2 What types of evidence are used by your students/trainees to meet the HCPC Standards of proficiency for biomedical scientists for standards 14.26 and 14.16 in the certificate of competence i.e. reflective sheet, essay, competency etc...?

- A2 At the Trust there is a mixture of evidence that is used for 14.16 and 14.26 including a PowerPoint presentation given by the Point of Care Manager combined with on-site quality review of point of care equipment plus reflective practice.
- Q3 Approximately how many hours of teaching/training is dedicated to Point of Care Testing (POCT)/ near patient testing (NPT) for each student/trainee?**
- A3 At the Trust we allow half a day to a day per student for POCT (approx. 3.75 hours) unless they are expected to be working in the point of care team where they would receive longer to complete competencies.
- Q4 What types of teaching/training do you give these students/trainees in Point of Care Testing (POCT) i.e. seminars, practical training etc...?**
- A4 The Students have a Presentation by Point of Care Manager or a member of the POCT team supported by practical demonstration of application in situ. Understanding is demonstrated by reflection.
- Q5 Do your students/trainees get a secondment/rotation into a POCT section and if so, for how long?**
- A5 Applied route students have half day rotation into POCT. Other trainees receive overview of section but no formal rotation.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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