

FOI 0395/2025 Response

Hi,

I am a year 1 medical student working on a project about Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support readiness of medical professionals in the country.

I would like to ask:

1. What is the required frequency for statutory BLS training?

We do Emergency Life Support (ELS) similar to BLS training for community Doctors, and Intermediate Life Support (ILS) for inpatient Doctors.

The requirement is that staff attend annually.

2. What incentives or measures has the trust adopted to encourage annual BLS training for medical professionals with patient facing duties (no pay progression if mandatory training not completed, departmental sessions, ESR alerts, managerial supervision of mandatory training etc)?

We contact staff who are non-compliant via ESR (the Trust's HR system) and send regular reminder emails copying in managers.

Fundamental training will also be flagged in managerial supervision and annual developmental reviews to further encourage training completion.

We also report on hotspot areas, and this is fed back to our resus committee key stakeholder, who take this information back to their speciality areas, encouraging staff compliance.

3. Does the organisation require resus teams to have Advanced Life Support training?

We do not do ALS within the Trust.