

**Freedom of Information Request****Ref: UHB 18-055**

Date 15 February 2018

By Email

Dear Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

- 1) Within this hospital trust, please disclose the number of training sessions and/or study days for junior doctors and nurses which have been cancelled between November 1 2013 (or the closest possible date to this) until the date of this request.**

The Education Department oversees the administration of scheduled corporate 'update days', which group several essential (statutory/mandatory) training sessions, and also administers many 'stand-alone' essential training sessions (e.g., 'Patient Safety', variations of Resuscitation, Fire Safety practical sessions, etc.).

All of these sessions may be required and attended by staff of varied clinical job roles, including many nurses and fewer doctors.

Similarly, the Medical Education Department runs many training sessions considered statutory/mandatory or 'core', but specifically concentrates on doctors.

See the Tables below for figures from either Department, with focus on the roles of doctors and/or nurses.

In the period requested, the Education Department had to cancel a total of 87 separate ET programmes, mostly due to staff release pressures.

The Medical Education Department cancelled 7 training sessions.

- 2) I would also like to find out how many core training sessions, higher speciality training sessions and General Practitioner (GP) training sessions have been cancelled.**

See comments in 1) above; as terminology is not universal, we concentrated on sessions we consider statutory/mandatory or 'core'.

- 3) Where applicable, please disclose how many of those cancelled training days and/or study days which apply to both nurses and junior doctors have been rescheduled.**

The Education Department re-scheduled 12 sessions of 87. The Medical Education Department rescheduled 1 session of 7.

**4) Where possible, please state how many nurses and junior doctors were expected to attend each cancelled session.**

We have calculated totals of expected attendance per year, see tables below.

<b>Table One: Education Department</b>					
<b>Essential Training Sessions</b>					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of sessions cancelled	3	37	13	29	5
Number rescheduled (where data available)	0	5	1	6	0
Number expected to attend (Nurses)	15	125	46	78	51
Number expected to attend (Doctors)	1	7	0	5	1

<b>Table Two: Medical Education Department</b>										
<b>Core Medical Training Programme</b>										
Curriculum runs from August - July										
	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018
	Nov - Dec	Jan - July	Aug - Dec	Jan - July	Aug - Dec	Jan - July	Aug - Dec	Jan - July	Aug - Dec	Jan - July
Number of sessions cancelled	0	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
Number rescheduled	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number expected to attend	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	24	24

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary  
 University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
 Trust Headquarters  
 Marlborough Street  
 Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

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