

Freedom of Information Request – 3960

I am an 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?

Completed 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)?

All of the above is correct. In addition, Resus Service has a responsibility to ensure there are sufficient training sessions in life support courses to meet the needs of the Trust. Bespoke BLS sessions can also be arranged on departments request to improve mandatory training compliance.

ESR alerts an individual that they compliance expires within next 3 months and prompts to take action (eg book training) and then again when training expires.

Resus service monitors Trusts BLS compliance. “Train the trainer” sessions are also provided and some departments are now able to run departmental BLS sessions.

3/ Does the organisation require resus teams to have Advanced Life Support training?
As per “Resuscitation and Defibrillation policy”:

“All team members must be trained in BLS and ILS/ALS skills appropriate to the level of competence appropriate to their individual employed role. The Team Leader must have a valid ALS certificate...”.

“The FY1, FY2 and Clinical Site Practitioner may hold an ILS certificate or an ALS certificate. All other members should hold a current ALS certificate...”

The Roles of the Cardiac Arrest team: Medical Registrar	ALS	Team Leader
Medical FY2	ILS	Team Member or (if ALS provider) Team Leader
Medical FY1	ILS	Team Member or (if ALS provider) Team Leader
Anaesthetist	ALS	Team Leader
Clinical Site Practitioner	ILS	Team Member or (if ALS provider) Team Leader
CCOT	ALS	Team Member/Team Leader
Resuscitation Officer	ALS	Team Member/Team Leader – if available