

Freedom of Information request 114-18

Request

I would like to request under the freedom of information act the following information.

- 1) The current rota design for core surgical trainees (CT1 or CT2), across all surgical specialties taking core surgical trainees in your health board, including the number of core trainees on each rota. A copy of each rota would be welcome if possible.
- 2) The length of each rota cycle for the level and specialties described above.
- 3) For each specialty:
 - a. The number of allocated, protected, theatre sessions each trainee has on their rota per rota cycle
 - b. The number of allocated, protected, clinic sessions each trainee has on their rota per rota cycle
 - c. The number of on call shifts (both day and night) each trainee has on the rota per rota cycle
 - d. The number of zero days each trainee has per rota cycle.
 - e. The number of normal working days each trainee has per rota cycle.
 - f. Whether normal working days are spent as ward cover or in theatre/clinic, or a combination.

Response

1. The rota templates for Trauma and Orthopaedics and General Surgery are attached. Generally (allowing for variations in the allocation of trainees across the South East Deanery region) there are 2 core trainees in Trauma and Orthopaedics and one core trainee in General Surgery.



Borders General Hospital ortho middle



Borders Health Board Gen Surgery SDASST

2. Please find below the length of rota cycle as requested:
 - 6 week rota cycle for Trauma and Orthopaedics, the rota is shared with Specialty Doctors
 - Approx 6 weeks rota cycle for General Surgery rota shared with Specialty Doctors and ST3 – it is 1 in 6.5 as a Urology Doctor also covers weekend on-call in the cycle
3. a) Generally allowing for variations such as flexible working, study or annual leave etc the core trainees are attached to a specific consultant and theatre sessions allocated will reflect that consultant's job plan. On average in 6 weeks a CT in Trauma and Orthopaedics will have 10 elective theatre sessions. A CT in general surgery will have 12 elective theatre sessions.
 - b) In 6 weeks average of 11 clinic sessions CT Trauma and Orthopaedics.
Average of 10.5 clinics for CT Surgery
 - c) Trauma and Ortho – 7 on-calls no nights
Surgery (24 hours oncall) – average of 6.5 in 6 weeks
 - d) Orthopaedics & Trauma – 2

General Surgery – Nil

e) Orthopaedics & Trauma - 14 + 4 ½ days

General Surgery – 19 days

f) Combination and includes patient administration time.

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The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **114-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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