

FOI_1330_2023-24 – FOI Request Concerning – Training in Informed Consent for Doctors

- 1. Please can you disclose any policies and/or guidance and/or any other documentation you hold relating to training in informed consent for doctors working at your hospital.**

https://heeo.e.hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/1397055514_vpqb_obtaining_informed_consent_by_doctors_in_training_2.pdf

- 2. Whether training in informed consent is mandatory for doctors working within your hospital**

Yes – it is a mandatory part of the training of all doctors across all treatment providers.

- 3. Who provides/funds training in informed consent for doctors working at your hospital**

Doctors in training are partly funded by NHSE-WTE and partly by the Trust. Training, practice, and application of the capabilities regarding consent is an integral and mandatory part of all the PGME training curricula which are aligned with the GMC's Good Medical Practice, and the GMC's Generic professional Capabilities. All trainee medics undertake training on the basis of their prescribed curricula and are assessed annually through the ARCP process.

All non-training doctors must fulfil the requirements of the GMC and GMP, and consent and the linked capabilities are a mandatory and integral element of practice. Doctors are also expected to abide by the guidance from their respective medical Royal Colleges, and their unions (e.g. BMA guidance) which have guidance regarding consent aligned with GMP (consent is an integral part of GMP). All doctors must have an annual appraisal the domains of which are aligned with GMP.

All trainee and non-trainee medics must also undertake the trust based mandatory training which includes training on capacity, competence, and decision making – this must be updated and refreshed annually.

- 4. What a doctor must do to fulfil any training requirements relating to informed consent**

Please see above