Information requested:

FOI request

For each pathology discipline in your Trust (i.e. Microbiology, Haematology, Blood transfusion, Biochemistry, Histopathology etc…);

1. On average how many trainee Biomedical scientist/university biomedical science placement students do you have a year?

2. What types of evidence are used by your students/trainees to meet the HCPC Standards of proficiency for biomedical scientists for standards 14.26 and 14.16 in the certificate of competence i.e. reflective sheet, essay, competency etc…?

3. Approximately how many hours of teaching/training is dedicated to Point of Care Testing (POCT)/ Near patient testing (NPT) for each student/trainee?

4. What types of teaching/training do you give these students/trainees in Point of Care Testing (POCT) i.e. seminars, practical training etc…?

5. Do your students/trainees get a secondment/rotation into a POCT section and if so, for how long?

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your email dated 28th October 2018. For your information, Microbiology is the only discipline we have within our trust, so all answers refer to Microbiology. In answer to your questions:

1. On average how many trainee Biomedical scientist/university biomedical science placement students do you have a year?
We typically take on between 5-10 per annum depending upon vacancies within the workforce. For example, last year we took on over 15 but the year before less than 5.

2. What types of evidence are used by your students/trainees to meet the HCPC Standards of proficiency for biomedical scientists for standards 14.26 and 14.16 in the certificate of competence i.e. reflective sheet, essay, competency etc...?
   We use the guidance provided within the IBMS portfolios Certificate of Competency which includes case base discussions; clinical MDT meeting; journal club attendance; please note this is not exclusive.

3. Approximately how many hours of teaching/training is dedicated to Point of Care Testing (POCT)/ Near patient testing (NPT) for each student/trainee?
   Currently we do not provide any formal POCT / NPT for BMS trainees

4. What types of teaching/training do you give these students/trainees in Point of Care Testing (POCT) i.e. seminars, practical training etc...?
   Currently we do not provide any formal POCT / NPT for BMS trainees

5. Do your students/trainees get a secondment/rotation into a POCT section and if so, for how long?
   Not applicable.

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