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Q1 Please could you confirm, what is the job role of your Radiation Protection Supervisor (RPS) in your Trust?

A1 Job role is Diagnostic Radiographer.

Duties include:

- Ensuring PPE is available, safe to use and suitable for staff (badges are done by general Xray, CT ensure that we have lead gowns and that they are tested annually for damage)
- Having an awareness of pregnant staff as different dose badges and limits apply
- Following up on any staff who have received an over exposure or who are exceeding dose limits and may require monitoring
- Liaise with the RPA in the event of over exposure of a patient – if it's a patient that has been overexposed it could potentially be reportable to CQC so a dose report needs to be done
- Ensuring all staff in department comply with the local rules (that should be displayed in the controlled area) for that piece of kit and ensuring the local rules are updated as and when

To be an RPS you have to have undertaken the RPS course which covers IRR17. Not all radiographers are an RPS, but all radiographers have a duty to report radiation incidents or equipment faults to the RPS and ensure they comply with local rules.

Q2 Do you have a separate RPS for your Operating Theatres? If so, what is their Job role besides being the RPS?

A2 Every area with radiation should have an RPS (General, CT, Theatres) to represent their areas. The Cardiac Theatre and Cath Labs have one RPS performing the above duties, the other Theatres are under the General department RPS where there is an overall RPS lead with the job role of 'Lead Radiographer for Radiology'. There are also deputy RPS in Cath Lab and General ensuring all the monitoring devices are provided.