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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 014473 – orthoptic work experience

**To understand current practices I would like to request the following information:**

**1. How many applications for Orthoptic work experience did your Trust receive in**

**a) Sept 2016 - Sept 2017**

**b) Sept 2017 - Sept 2018**

The Trust does not hold application documentation

**2. How many applications resulted in a work experience placement?**

The Trust does not hold application documentation. Please see below the number of work experience placements for the Orthoptic service:

**a) Sept 2016 - Sept 2017** - information not recorded

**b) Sept 2017 - Sept 2018** - The Trust organises work experience placements observing a combination of Orthoptic, Optometry and Ophthalmology clinics usually during a week placement. The Trust usually accommodates everyone who requests a placement, there were 7 work experience placements recorded in 2017-2018.

**3. What is the minimum age for work experience in Orthoptics?**

16 years +

**4. Do applicants for work experience in Orthoptics require a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check?**

No, however work experience placements are always supervised, are allowed to observe only and are never left alone with patients.

**5. What paperwork are applicants required to complete?**

Please see the attached Medical Work Experience Policy - For a copy of the policy contact dgft.foi@nhs.net

**6. Are applicants required to complete an induction?**

All placements are required to complete an induction.

Please see the Trust website page for further information around work experience:

<http://dudleygroup.nhs.uk/workwith-us/work-experience/>