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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Can you please provide me with your policy for maintenance and switching operation of the High Voltage system 11kv on Trust sites?

Response:

Please see attachment 1. The Southern Trust Estates Team follows the Department of Health guidance document *HTM 06-03 – Electrical Safety Guidance for high voltage systems* (attached). Chapter 7 is the most relevant for this question which covers ‘*Safety precautions and procedures for work on high voltage equipment*’. The operational procedures within this document are adhered to for all HV switching and maintenance operations across all Southern Trust sites that contain 11kV.

Also are these operations carried out by Trust staff or contractors, and how many are on duty at any time in case of faults occurring and needing immediate response?

Response:

All high voltage switching operations are carried out by Trust appointed Authorised Persons AP (HV).

High Voltage equipment maintenance is carried out by specialist approved HV contractors under the direction of Trust Authorised Persons (HV).

There are currently five AP’s (HV) appointed for Craigavon Area Hospital HV system and three AP’s (HV) appointed for Daisy Hill Hospital HV system. As per HTM guidance, only one ‘Duty’ AP (HV) can be on duty per site during HV work and this is logged within the HV site logbook based at each site main substation intake switchroom.

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