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You asked:

1. Is Basic Life Support course mandatory for the medical professionals working for the Health Board?

CTMUHB Resuscitation policy advises that Doctors should undertake yearly level one Basic Life Support training.

Requirement for higher levels of resuscitation training depend on the doctor's specialty or clinical duties.

2. How many courses per year does your Resus Training Department deliver?

The Resuscitation department runs many courses but those related specifically to Resus are:

April 2025 – March 26

Level 2 courses eg: BLS

- 530 courses offered
- 518 courses delivered
- 12 courses cancelled

Level 3 courses – eg: EILS, EPILS

- 287 courses offered
- 243 courses delivered
- 44 courses cancelled

Level 4 courses eg: ALS, ATLS, APLS

- 60 per year

3. What percentage of doctors/nurses/midwives and other allied health professionals have done BLS training in the last 1 year?

April 2025 – March 2026.

Nurses and Midwives – 52%

Other - 65%

Drs/medical staff – 18%

Please note - Recording of medical compliance with most training via the Electronic Staff Record (ESR) system is inconsistent. However, we know that there are 155 Drs trained in BLS on ESR (this doesn't include GP trainees or locums (who are not on the ESR platform)).

4. What percentage of your medical personnel have profession specific Advanced Life Support (ALS) training?

Specialty specific RCUK level 4 resuscitation training eg: ALS, EPLS, APLS, ATLS is a mandatory requirement of some specialty training schemes eg: ED, Anaesthetics.

Our CTM Resuscitation policy recommends all members of our resuscitation teams being trained to level 4. Eg: ALS, APLS.
Resus teams change every day. We have no percentage of team member compliance.

5. What is the required frequency for statutory BLS training?

BLS training is not 'statutory'. In Wales resuscitation training is on the mandatory list of the Core Skills Training Framework administered through the ESR platform '*every one year*'.

6. What incentives or measures has the trust adopted to encourage annual BLS training for medical professionals with patient facing duties (no pay progression if mandatory training not completed, departmental sessions, ESR alerts, managerial supervision of mandatory training etc)?

BLS training compliance of staff in each care group is fed back every 4 months to the clinical facing Care Groups at their Quality and Safety meetings. Discussion is had on non-compliance and the various reasons for this eg: non-attendance, not releasing staff from wards due to staffing shortages etc

ESR sends prompts on their platform and via email to remind users of mandatory requirements and when their training compliance period is coming to an end.

7. Does the organisation require resus teams to have Advanced Life Support training?

Yes, all members are required to have the specialty specific level 4 training.