THE MOORFIELDS ANAESTHETIC SERVICE

The Moorfields Anaesthetic department has grown steadily with the volume of surgical procedures performed and with the number of surgeons in the Trust. The department provides comprehensive anaesthetic support, including pre-assessment, peri-operative care (pre, during and post-surgery) and also an in-hours resuscitation support service. We specialize in assessing whether patients with complex co-morbidity are suitable for surgery in a stand-alone eye hospital (if not, surgery may be performed at another site, e.g. St. George’s). This is particularly important since City Road became a day-care only hospital.

As a result of increasing expertise in local anaesthesia with sedation many operations which would have required general anaesthesia can now be performed with this technique, thus reducing morbidity and mortality associated with general anaesthesia and greatly facilitating the number of surgeries that can be performed on high medical risk patients.

In addition to covering the City Road site, which offers adult and paediatric anaesthetic services, Consultant Anaesthetist cover for adult surgery under local or sedation is provided at St. Anne’s Hospital (where more than 25% of all cataract surgery in the Trust takes place), Potter’s Bar Hospital, Mile End Hospital and until recently for Moorfields at St. George’s Hospital (including general anaesthesia and sedation services). The Service also provides Consultant on-site cover for Saturday, Sunday and weekday-evening, emergency surgery.

At present there are sixteen Anaesthetic Consultants, five registrars, one fellow (who is involved in departmental research and has clinical roles) and one speciality doctor. The service is evolving with the expansion of the number of satellite sites, and options such as buying-in anaesthetic services from host hospitals, for example St George’s, are being explored.

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