

Extended Surgical Teams Pilot

June 2021 Bulletin

December Report

The project team are currently planning the content for the interim EST report for December 2021. To make the report as informative as possible, we would be grateful if you could send to jenna.harrison@hee.nhs.uk by 7th July the following:

- Photograph of the pilot site lead.
- Photograph of the pilot site hospital building.
- Some statistics of your Trust to make the report relatable to your area for an infographic:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catchment population• Number of beds• Number of EGS patients daily• Admitted• Ambulatory | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On call rota frequency for teams• EST numbers/roles• Novel EST services• Anything else you would like to include |
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Health Economist Update

The work on the definition of the value proposition is now completed. In summary, compared to usual practice, the EST is expected to generate value:

- For the health and care system, by providing: a cost-effective alternative to “usual practice” staffing models, improved system efficiency and improved workforce longevity and productivity.
- For surgeons in training, enabling more time to focus on activities which promote training and learning.
- For EST advanced care practitioners (ACPs), providing opportunities for clinical career progression and skills enhancement.

The EST is expected to support the delivery of services which are at least as safe and effective as the traditional workforce model, and have the potential to reduce clinical risks compared with “usual practice”. We will be including a more detailed summary of the work in our interim report, potentially including selected case studies from the pilots to show achieved/potential economic value from an EST approach and the timescales over which benefits are likely to be realised.

We will also be providing some useful resources for NHS Trusts to help inform local decisions to start, or continue, to invest in an EST supported surgical pathway.

Highlight Reporting

A bi-monthly highlight report has been issued to pilot site leads for completion to cover the period of April-May. We really want this project to be a success, therefore please let us know of any improvements to the highlight report which you would like to feedback. Also, if there is any support or input which you would find beneficial from the project team and clinical advisors, please do let us know by contacting merp@hee.nhs.uk

Dates for your Diary

Webinars

As part of the pilot a series of online educational opportunities are being offered. **All sessions will run from 6pm-7pm and will be held virtually through MS Teams.** Calendar invitations have been issued to colleagues who have already expressed an interest in attending. The webinars are open to EST members within your pilot site and core surgical trainees within your unit. If there are further members of your EST who wish to attend, please email jenna.harrison@hee.nhs.uk with their name, job title and confirm they are happy to share their email address so that the invitation can be sent to them. Also, if you are yet to recruit, we would be grateful if you could give an estimate as to when the posts will be in place, so we can send the calendar invites at a later date.

Thursday 17th June	Session 2: Clinical reasoning
Thursday 15th July	Session 3: Consent/legal issues in surgery
Thursday 12th August	Session 4: Assessment of the abdomen
Thursday 16th September	Session 5: Deteriorating patients
Thursday 14th October	Session 6: Conflict within teams /Conflict Resolution

To supplement these webinars, we are uploading resources to the [NHS Learning Hub](https://learninghub.nhs.uk) <https://learninghub.nhs.uk> and by searching for 'HEEEST' all the content will be available.

Coffee Shop Sessions

As part of the support network within the EST pilot, we would like to offer the members of your EST the opportunity to join us for an informal virtual coffee in between the webinars being offered. These coffee sessions will be hosted by Clare Sutherland (ACP) and Sara Dalby (SCP) and are offered to EST members only. They will provide a safe space to share thoughts, successes, and any concerns about the EST program. No fixed agenda, but an opportunity to hear how others are feeling, what they have experienced and importantly any solutions.

For members of your EST who would like to attend, please contact jenna.harrison@hee.nhs.uk for a registration form.

All sessions will run from 6-7pm and will be held virtually via MS Teams on the following dates:

Thursday 1st July
Thursday 29th July
Thursday 26th August
Thursday 30th September
Thursday 28th October

EST Network Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 15th July, 10:30-12:00**.

Future Bulletins

We would like to include a spotlight on each pilot site within future bulletins e.g. good practice or a service improvement. If you would like to be included, please could you submit a paragraph on your site to jenna.harrison@hee.nhs.uk