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This is an invitation to join EEAST SORT (Specialist Operations Response Team).

The 2023 training dates have been set and we need your support to fulfil our goal of having 290 fully trained SORT staff.

We are now able to train staff in a wider range of clinical roles, including:

- Emergency Care Support Workers (ECSW)
- Emergency Care Assistants (ECA)
- Intermediate Ambulance Practitioner (IAP)
- Apprentice EMTs
- Student and qualified EMTs and APPs
- Student Ambulance Nurses
- Ambulance Nurses
- Paramedics

As a member of SORT, you will continue working in your current role, as well as having the opportunity to complete 7 days of training per year in CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) and MTA (Marauding Terrorist Attack).

These 7 days training can be completed on overtime or as an abstraction from duty - ***If you are on section 2 and are abstracted for a SORT course, you will still receive the unsocial hours of the shift you were due to complete***

A hotel can also be provided as per trust policy

The courses have a full programme which is set at an accessible level to all staff, regardless of previous experiences, and set in a relaxed learning environment.



The courses will be primarily located at Great Notley and Melbourn HART bases, but we have also put some dates in Norfolk to attract staff from this area.

Your initial course will be 5 days, this will include an occupational health screening, a PCA (Physical Competency Assessment), 3 Days of CBRN training and 2 days of MTA, once you have finished this 5-day course you will be a fully trained SORT operative and will be ready to respond to a SORT callout if needed, as well as the opportunity to take part in multiagency exercises set throughout the year.

SORT CBRN duties include

- Working in a warm/hot zone
- Setting up the Trust Clinical Decontamination Unit
- Wearing PPE (including Powered Respirator Protective Suits)
- Learn Dry & Wet Decontamination Techniques
- Learn Triage Techniques in Full PPE
- Learn to erect the Tented Modules to provide shelter at Major Incidents
- Learn to set out a Casualty Clearing Station

SORT MTA duties include

- Working in a warm/hot zone
- Working alongside specialist fire, military, and police units
- Wearing Ballistic PPE
- Triaging, treating, and extricating casualties
- Working in a CCP/CCS

Application process

If you're interested, please fill out the link below and we will get back to you

<https://tinyurl.com/EEAST-SORT-Application>



Course dates for Initial applicants and current SORT operatives needing recertification

5 Day SORT Course dates	
11 th January – Great Notley/Melbourn	22 nd March - Great Notley/Melbourn
18 th January – Great Notley/Melbourn	29 th March - Great Notley/Melbourn
25 th January – Great Notley/Melbourn	19 th April - Great Notley/Melbourn
8 th February – Great Notley/Melbourn	26 th April - Great Notley/Melbourn
15 th February – Great Notley/Melbourn	15 th May – Norfolk Showground (Norwich)
20 th February - Norfolk Showground (Norwich)	24 th May - Great Notley/Melbourn
8 th March - Great Notley/Melbourn	14 th June - Great Notley/Melbourn
15 th March - Great Notley/Melbourn	21 st June - Great Notley/Melbourn

SORT Frequency Dates

Current SORT operatives who have completed their initial training will have to maintain their compliance by attending a CBRN and MTA frequency 6 months after their initial course. these can also be taken as O/T or abstractions.

The dates for these courses are below

1 Day CBRN Frequency Dates (Great Notley)

5 th January	CBRN frequencies are based at Great Notley 1 Day 0900-1700
2 nd February	
2 nd March	
6 th April	
13 th April	



4 th May	
11 th May	
1 st June	
8 th June	

1 Day MTA Frequency Dates (Melbourn)	
6 th January	MTA Frequencies are based at Melbourn 1 Day 0900-1700
3 rd February	
3 rd March	
7 th April	
14 th April	
5 th May	
12 th May	
2 nd June	
9 th June	
7 th July	

If you have any questions regarding SORT, please contact us on SORT@eastamb.nhs.uk

Thank you

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