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Reporting by Exception Quick guide for doctors

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Login

Once your account has been setup you will receive an email from us with a temporary password. Select the link from the email or enter:

https://www.healthmedics.allocatehealthsuite.com/directly/into/your/browser.

You may wish to save this link as a home screen icon on your smart device. Use the add to home screen option in your browser's menu to add the link.

Enter your login details as they appear in the email. Ensure that no blank spaces appear at the end of your credentials and click login.

If you have trouble trying to login or have lost your initial email we can re-issue your login details very easily. Contact the GOSW office:

GOSW@bfwhospitals.nhs.uk

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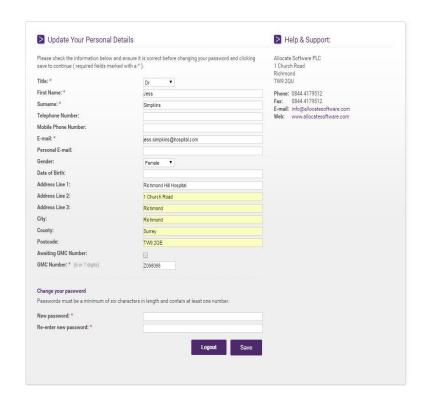


Account setup

If this is your first use of the system, you will be requested to check and update your personal details.

Your name, work email address and GMC/GDC number (where applicable) will have been populated already by your local system administrator.

The remaining fields are non-mandatory and can updated at a later stage. If you choose to add a secondary or personal email address, any automated system notifications will be sent to both addresses.



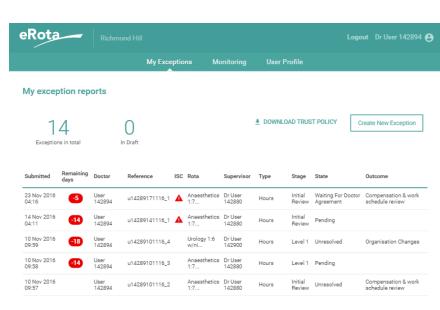
Dashboard

The dashboard will list all of the exceptions that have been raised by you. From here you will also be able to create a new exception and downloaded your organisation's policy if they have uploaded one.

The key metrics display your total exception reports created and those in draft that have been saved but not yet submitted to your supervisor.

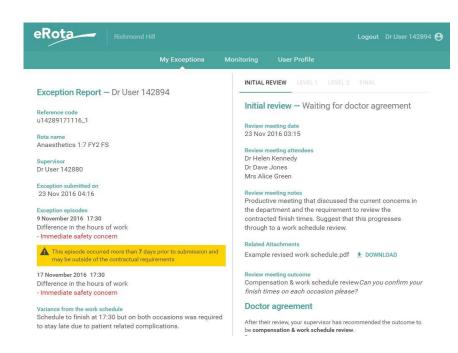
The dashboard will display key information such as the submitted date, doctor name and the current stage of the report. In addition, you'll see the number of remaining days until the next decision needs to be made (by the organisation or yourself) and whether the report was linked to an immediate safety concern involving yourself or patients.

Click on any of the rows in the dashboard to view the individual exception report details.



Viewing a report

After selecting the report you wish to view you will be taken through to the report itself, by selecting each of the stages to the right of the screen you will be able to view the information contained within each section, to navigate back to the dashboard simply select 'My Exceptions' from the top/centre of the screen:



Creating a New Report (1)

To raise a new exception, click **create new exception** from your dashboard.

Rota Name: the name of your current rota (as defined by your medical staffing department in eRota; it may be displayed on your personalised work schedule).

Supervisor: the name of the person delegated to undertake the initial exception report review. Most often this will be your Clinical Supervisor or your Educational Supervisor whoever is responsible for your welfare and education in your current role.

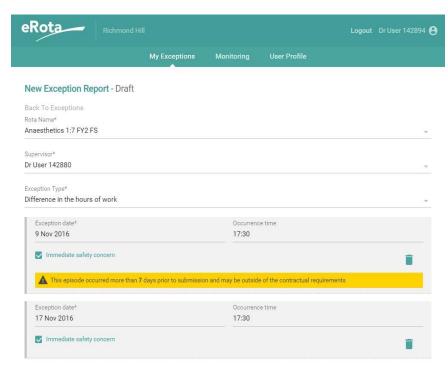
Exception type: whether your exception relates to a difference in hours, difference in pattern of hours or education and training opportunities. A single exception report can only contain episodes relating to one type.

Exception date: the date on which the episode occurred. You will be notified on screen if the date falls outside of the contractual time limits for submission (7 days for pay 14 days for TOIL) but you will still be able to submit the exception regardless. Please make reports as soon as possible ideally on the day but certainly within 7 days of the incident if you hope to receive a payment.

Occurrence time: the approximate start time of the exception episode. This can be left at 00:00 if a start time is not appropriate for the episode.

Please be careful to RECORD ONLY THE ADDITIONAL EXTRA UNPLANNED TIME you have worked and not the total time you have worked.

If it is the first report you have submitted and are unsure how to complete it then ask for advice from the GOSW office Ex 01253 953288 (Ex 53288)



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Creating a New Report (2)

Variance from work schedule: enables you to define in more detail how your exception episodes differ from your planned work schedule. For example, you may wish to define your normal start and finish times to illustrate how your hours have increased.

Steps taken to resolve matters prior to escalation: enables you to record any conversations that may have taken place between yourself and a manager or other colleagues before recording the exception.

Immediate safety concern: enables you to flag whether you feel the episode resulted in a safety concern that affected yourself or patients.

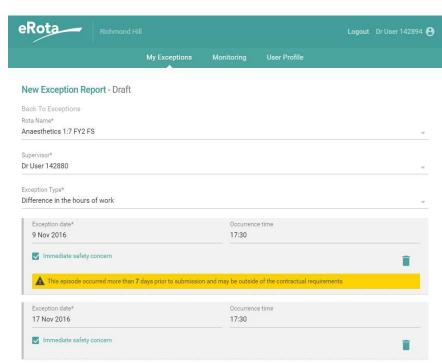
2016 TCS 05 Paragraph 16. Where an exception report indicates concern that there is an immediate and substantive risk to the safety of patients or of the doctor making the report, this should be raised immediately (orally) by the doctor with the clinician responsible for the service in which the risk is thought to be present (typically, this would be the head of service or the consultant on-call). The doctor must confirm such reports electronically to the educational supervisor (via an exception report) within 24 hours.

Action buttons:

Submit: saves your exception and notifies the named supervisor, your organisation's administrators and guardian of safe working. Your director of medical education will also be notified if the exception type relates to education or training.

Save: saves your exception in a draft state for later submission.

Cancel: deletes your date and returns you to the dashboard.



Agree/disagree with outcome

After submission your named supervisor will make an initial review of your exception report. Often this review will be carried out face-to-face and they will update the report with their initial review notes and any relevant attachments.

When an initial review decision has been made, you will receive an automated notification asking you to login and either agree or disagree with that decision; this should take place within 14 days.

Your disagreement will mean that the report will be highlighted to the GOSW or the DME. You or the GOSW/DME may wish to trigger a Work Schedule Review depending on the specific circumstances.

Occasionally, your supervisor may request additional information or clarity in your original submission. If so, you will receive an automated notification asking you to login. In this scenario, you will be able to fully edit the report to make the required changes before re-submitting.

Doctor agreement

After their review, your supervisor has recommended the outcome to be compensation & work schedule review. Do you:



Agree



Disagree

Please note that on submit, your work schedule will be moved to the level 1 work schedule review stage.







Converting the Outcome to TOIL or Payment

Please remember nothing can happen until you have gone back to the report and checked the box to say you agree with the outcome.

Outcome 'Payment':

Once per month the GOSW office will submit completed, closed and <u>agreed</u> Exception reports with a payment outcome directly to Pennine Payroll or the BFWHospitals NHS Trust Payroll department and the money will go directly into your wages. This will happen automatically but depending on the date within the pay cycle the payment may not appear in your next pay slip but in a subsequent one.

Outcome 'TOIL':

Your directorate (usually through your rota coordinator) is responsible for arranging a mutually convenient time to take TOIL. If all agree it is acceptable to accumulate TOIL and take it together as a half or full day. The GOSW office will check periodically that TOIL has been taken or a date agreed. If the TOIL has not been taken or a date agreed after 30 days of the agreed report then (with your consent) the GOSW office will convert the outcome to a payment and deal with it as above.

Outcome 'No Action'

There is still a benefit to individuals and the organisation to learn from all the reports you submit. It is especially helpful to accumulate evidence that highlights an ongoing problem or important issue of safety.

A report will be closed with no action if it is submitted more than 14 days after the occurrence of the incident in line with the 2016 TCS. It is therefore important that you submit reports as soon as possible and ideally on the same day.

What Happens to the Exception Reports?

Your reports are overseen by the Director of Medical Education (DME) and the Guardian of Safe Working Hours (GOSW)

We discuss the pattern of reporting (not specific reports) at the Junior Doctors Forum

The GOSW submits a Quarterly and the DME an Annual report to the Trust Board which will include evidence from exception reporting.

Taken collectively they are an important tool and mechanism to monitor the health of the services we provide to patients and how we support our doctors in training.

If exception reports provide evidence for a systemic problem in a particular area they are vital evidence which both the DME and GOSW use to help address those problems on your behalf.

If you are not happy with the outcome of Exception Reports and / or you or the DME / GOSW can see a pattern emerging then you can trigger a Work Schedule Review to formally review and address a problem.

You can also get involved by attending any of the Junior Doctor Meetings or by representing Junior Doctors on the Junior Doctor Forum.

For information contact the GOSW office at BFWHospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

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