RESUSCITATION FACILITIES

Despite the BSG Report¹ stating "All units should have full resuscitation facilities available including a cardiac defibrillator..." 19% (37/191) of units who provided information did not have a resuscitation trolley within the unit or shared facilities with other departments. Of these 37, 19 were hospitals that were undertaking more than 3,000 endoscopies a year within their unit. Three hospitals had no defibrillator in the endoscopy unit. Of concern, three hospitals did not have resuscitation training but where they did, it was provided regularly with 95% (178/188) of units saying they had training at least every year. Eight units had training only every three years, one unit said their training was 'sporadic' and one questionnaire was left blank.