



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-031

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Date: 27th January 2025

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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11th April 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding clinical reporting

On 11th April 2024 we contacted you via email with the following:
To continue with your request we require clarification the timeframe you are referring to

On 29th May 2024 you replied via email with:
'As per question 8, we are looking at the last financial year please.'

Q1 Please could you answer questions 1-4, for each of the specialist clinical systems (used to manage patients and patient clinical notes within each speciality) listed below (A-S) within your Trust. There are two additional questions.

Please use the format provided.

- A – EPR (and whether notes are electronic or scanned)**
- B – PAS**
- C – Theatre**
- D – Ophthalmology**
- E – Endoscopy**
- F – Chemotherapy**
- G – Cardiac/Cardiology/Vascular**
- H – Pathology**
- I – Histology**
- J – Radiology**
- K – Radiotherapy**
- L – Maternity**
- M – Paediatric**
- N – ICU/Intensive Care/CCU**
- O – Dialysis**
- P- Respiratory**
- Q – Dental**
- R – Dermatology**
- S – Mental Health - not applicable**

1. Name of the system used :

2. System provider name:
3. System version name/number:
4. Does the Trust anticipate changing the system provider at present? If so, which system will replace it?

5. If you have an EPR, are the records electronic or scanned?
6. Does the Trust currently have an integration engine to securely exchange data between software systems, both internally and externally? If so, what is the name and supplier of this system?

A1 The Trust has considered this Freedom of Information request and whether the release of information of this nature (column D) could then be used to compromise the Trust Information Systems. The Trust has concluded that, if such information was to be released, then this could potentially expose the Trust to risk of compromise. In turn, this could compromise the safety and security of patients and staff. In accordance with Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act, where it is considered that release of such information would expose the Trust to such risks then only information deemed to not pose a threat to the security of the Trust Information Systems will be released. The Trust will not therefore be responding to this question”

In addition, the Trust is applying section 24(1) and 23(1)

I can neither confirm nor deny that the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in column D is exempt from disclosure under section 24(1) which states “Information which does not fall within section 23(1) is exempt information if the exemption from section 1(1) (b) 2 is required for the purpose of safeguarding national security.” Furthermore, withholding this information is also supported by the Freedom of Information Amendment (Criminal Intelligence) Act 2004

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,



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