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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3rd January 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) and regarding EPR.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1   I'd be grateful if you could please confirm the adoption of a full Electronic Patient Record (EPR) solution and Medical Device Integration (MDI) solution across your NHS Trust by kindly providing a response to the following information request:

Please Note: Definitions of each solution type are provided at the bottom of this request.

***** EPR - Information Request *****
- **Current EPR Supplier Name?**
- **System Name?**
- **Contract Commencement Date?**
- **Contract Expiration Date?**

- **If no EPR is installed, can you please confirm the following:**
- **Does your NHS Trust currently adopt a Patient Administration System (PAS)?**
- **If Yes, can you please confirm the NHS Trusts current PAS Supplier?**
- **Does your NHS Trust have any plans to introduce a full EPR solution in the next two years?**

***** System Definitions *****
EPR – An electronic patient/health record is a digital version of a patient's paper chart.

PAS – Core enterprise systems, containing a Master Patient Index. Typically used by NHS Trusts to document the patient journey e.g. patient arrival tracking, patient identification, clinician who managed the appointment, the treatment the patient

received, diagnosis and next steps. This core functionality, required by every NHS Trust typically covers admission, discharge and transfer.

CIS – Is a general name given to any system which collects and stores patient data. These systems may be deployed at department level, hospital level or indeed across entire healthcare systems.

A1   I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding EPR, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/ please note that we regularly answer questions regarding EPR and the list below is just a selection:

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      261-2122
      313-2122
      426-2122
      525-2122
      650-2122
      673-2122
      049-2223
      141-2223
      259-2223
      301-2223
      429-2223
      456-2223
      712-2223
      230-2324
      449-2324
      456-2324
      464-2324
      649-2324

Q2   MDI - Information Request
Does your NHS Trust currently adopt a Medical Device Integration solution across the Trusts ICU and Theatre departments to facilitate the exchange of data between Medical Devices (Patient Monitors, Ventilators etc.) and Patient Information Systems such as an EPR, PAS or other Clinical Information Systems (CIS)?

If so, can you please provide the following information:
Current MDI Supplier Name?
System Name?
Contract Commencement Date?
Contract Expiration Date?

If no MDI solution is installed, can you please confirm the following:
Does your NHS Trust have any plans to introduce an MDI solution in the next two years?

MDI – Medical Device Integration refers to the interoperable linking of medical bedside devices (such as Patient Monitors, Ventilators etc.) to clinical information systems (such as an EPR) to facilitate automated exchange of data between the systems, removing manual paper driven processes

A2   See below:

Current MDI Supplier Name? = No – Integrated within the GE Centricity High Acuity Platform

System Name? = not applicable

Contract Commencement Date? = not applicable

Contract Expiration Date? = not applicable

If no MDI solution is installed, can you please confirm the following:

Does your NHS Trust have any plans to introduce an MDI solution in the next two years? = As above (Integrated within the GE Centricity High Acuity Platform)

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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:

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Yours,

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