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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – EPR

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Electronic Patient Record (EPR) systems.

Question:

- Please see the requests below. We have reviewed your disclosure log and the specific information that we require has not been published previously.

Answer:

We would contest the statement that this information has not already been exposed. The name of the systems used and contract dates and costs of many of the systems listed have been provided many times over the years and are available from our website.

Question:

- a. Does your Trust currently use an Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system for inpatient clinical care?

Answer:

Yes

Question:

- b. Please provide the name(s) of the EPR system(s) currently in use at your Trust for each of the following clinical activities (as applicable)
1. Medicines prescribing/administration
 2. Medical documentation/clinical notes
 3. Laboratory results/reporting
 4. Vital signs/observations
 5. Consent forms viewing/signing
 6. Outpatient letters viewing/writing

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Answer:

1.	HEPMA selected clinical services. Too complex to list
2.	SCI Store. Board wide
3.	APEX Board wide
4.	N/A
5.	N/A
6.	TRAK Care Board wide

Question:

- c. For each EPR mentioned above (b), please provide information on whether the EPR is used Trust-wide or only in selected clinical services. If selected clinical services, please provide details of the services for which each is applicable.

Answer:

See above.

Question:

- d. For each EPR mentioned above (b), in which year was it first implemented for use?
1. Medicines prescribing/administration
 2. Medical documentation/clinical notes
 3. Laboratory results/reporting
 4. Vital signs/observations
 5. Consent forms viewing/signing
 6. Outpatient letters viewing/writing

Answer:

1.	2019
2.	2006
3.	2001
4.	N/A
5.	N/A
6.	2006

Question:

- e. Does your Trust use paper/physical records for any of the following?
1. Medicines prescribing/administration
 2. Medical documentation/clinical notes
 3. Laboratory results/reporting
 4. Vital signs/observations
 5. Consent forms viewing/signing
 6. Outpatient letters viewing/writing

Answer:

1.	Yes
2.	Yes
3.	No
4.	Yes
5.	Yes
6.	Yes

Question:

f. Does your Trust currently extract data from the EPR (s) for research, audit, or quality improvement purposes? If so, please provide brief details

Answer:

Data is extracted to a data repository where it is anonymised for use.

Question:

g. Is there a dedicated informatics, analytics, or digital team that supports the use of EPR data for research, audit, or quality improvement purposes?

Answer:

Yes

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.



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Yours sincerely

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