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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to electronic medical records and inpatient care programme.

You asked:

- 1. Is there an electronic system used for the clinical management of in-patients?*

If yes:

- Does it include and connect all the clinical (nursing, medical, physiotherapy etc.) assessments, drug chart, MEWS chart and documentation electronically, or are they completed in paper and then scanned in?*
 - Is the same program used in all the clinical wards?*
 - Is this provided by an external supplier, or has it been developed internally? If it's an external supplier, which company is it and what is the name of the program?*
 - Was the supplier chosen through a bidding process, and if yes, which other companies took part in it?*
 - How can I have a view of it?*
 - How much does it cost for purchase, service and technical support?*
- 2. Are Electronic Medical Records operating in the Trust?*

If yes:

- Do they include and connect all the stages of a patient's journey, from referral to discharge, including in-patient and out-patient spells and details?*
- 3. Is the Trust operating with 'preferred suppliers', or could any supplier present a new product, after meeting the requirements of the 'Suppliers Access Policy'?*

Trust response:

1. The Trust is currently researching EPR solutions with a view to future procurement. There are 85 clinical systems in use within the Trust.

2. A number of the Trust clinical systems are fully electronic and no paper output is generated.

3. The Trust does not operate a 'preferred supplier' policy.