Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6947

15 December 2021

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 prescribing and medicines administration system (ePMA).

You asked:
1. Does your Trust have an electronic prescribing and medicines administration system (ePMA)?
Please tick one option
a. Yes (go to Q2)
b. No (go to Q4)
2. What is the full name of this ePMA system?
Please specify the system name and supplier
3. Which of the following statements best describes the status the data integration of (i) the system that manages clinical patient notes and records and (ii) the pharmacy dispensing system at your Trust?
Please tick one option for (i) and one option for (ii).
(i) Clinical patient records / medical notes (ii) Pharmacy Dispensing System (PDS)
a. Electronic and fully integrated
b. Electronic and partially integrated
c. Electronic and not integrated
d. On paper
4. Which of the following statements best describes your Trust's overall implementation of the ePMA system?
Please tick one option
a. ePMA system is fully implemented (Go to Q5)
b. ePMA system is partially implemented and progress is ongoing to complete it (Go to Q5)
c. ePMA system has been procured from a named supplier and awaiting implementation (Go to Q5)

d. Selection of suppliers and procurement of ePMA system is underway (Go to Q5)

e. Awaiting funding (Go to Q17)

f. No ePMA systems or plans in place (Go to Q17)

g. Other – please specify below

5. To the best of your knowledge when will an ePMA system be fully implemented at your Trust?

Estimated date of full implementation

6. Which of the following statements best describes the interface between the patient record system and the pharmacy dispensing system?

Please tick one option

a. Patient records are electronic and fully integrated with pharmacy dispensing system.

b. Patient records are electronic and partially integrated with pharmacy dispensing system.

c. Patient records are electronic, but not integrated with the pharmacy dispensing system. □=

d. On paper

7. What is the name of the pharmacy dispensing system at your Trust?

Please specify the system name and supplier

8. Can the Trust export data from these systems and, if so, in which of the following formats?

Please tick all that apply

(i) Patient records system (ii) Pharmacy Dispensing System (PDS)

a. .xls (Excel)

b. .csv or .txt (Text)

c. Not possible

9. In principle are the prescribing systems capable of producing an anonymised report of the number of patients treated by specific drug treatment and by diagnosis a single report?

Please tick one option

a. Yes

b. No

10. In the case of drugs with multiple indications, e.g., a drug indicated for rheumatoid arthritis and haematology, does the system record sufficient detail to report on how much is used for each indication?

Please tick one option

a. Yes

b. No

11. In the case of drugs that are used to treat more than one type of cancer, can the system produce a single report that shows the quantity of drug used for each tumour type?

Please tick one option

a. Yes

b. No

12. In the case of drugs that are used to treat more than one type of cancer, can the system produce a single report that shows the quantity of drug used for each tumour type by cancer stage?

Please tick one option

a. Yes

b. No

13. Which, if any, of the following fields can be exported from the ePMA system?

Please indicate yes or no per item

a. Date (month year)

b. Diagnosis or indication

c. Drug name (&/or SNOMED ID)

d. Drug formulation

e. Drug strength

f. Drug unit of measure (e.g., milligrams, micrograms, vials)

g. Quantity dispensed (in UOM)

h. Quantity prescribed (in UOM)

i. Number of patients treated

14. Do you already produce a report such as this within the Trust?

Please tick one option

c. Yes

d. No

15. What is the name of this report?

Please specify

16. Which team or department is responsible for producing this report?

17. In September 2021 we understand that a new standard is being implemented for the Drugs Patient Level Contract Monitoring (DrPLCM) report, which is submitted monthly by every NHS Trust. Please see DCB2212 Drugs Patient Level Contract Monitoring (DrPLCM) Version 2.0 released 8th April 2021.

To what extent will your Trust be able to submit the data field named 'Therapeutic indication code (SNOMED CT)', or a description of the indication, alongside details of drug treatment, as stipulated by NHS England by the end of 2021?

a. Fully

b. Partially

c. Not at all

18. Which of the following diagnoses or indications are detailed in the latest DrPLCM report for your Trust?

We are interested in the level of detail (e.g., medical oncology versus ovarian cancer) as well as the specific diagnoses.

Please indicate yes or no for each diagnosis description

Immunology

Atopic dermatitis

Crohn's disease

Plaque psoriasis

Rheumatoid arthritis

Severe asthma

Ulcerative colitis

Multiple sclerosis

Primary progressive multiple sclerosis

Relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis

Ophthalmology

Wet age-related macular degeneration

Dry age-related macular degeneration

Diabetic macular oedema
Medical oncology
Breast cancer
Lung cancer
NSCLC
SCLC
Melanoma
Ovarian cancer
Prostate cancer
Renal carcinoma
Haematology
Non Hodgkin Lymphoma
Hodgkin's Disease
Acute Myeloid Leukaemia
Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia
Multiple Myeloma

Trust response:
The following responses are in relation to Sunrise ePMA and JAC dispensing System.
1. a. Yes
2 Sunrise, Allscripts
3. c. Electronic and not integrated
4. c. ePMA system has been procured from a named supplier and awaiting implementation
5. April 2022
6. c. Patient records are electronic, but not integrated with the pharmacy dispensing system.
7. JAC (WellSky), Careflow Medicines Management
8.
(ii) Pharmacy Dispensing System (PDS)
a. .xls (Excel)
b. .csv or .txt (Text)
9. a. Yes
10. a. Yes
11. b. No Sunrise not used for treatment of cancer
12. b. No Sunrise not used for treatment of cancer
13. Not currently live with ePMA
14. d. No
15. Not applicable
16. Not applicable
17. Unknown
18. Unknown