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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 IT software.

You asked:

- 1. Who is responsible (job title / purchasing group) for the purchase of new software by the Trust?*
- 2. Has the Trust purchased any new IT software in the last 12 months?*
 - If yes, what was it for?*
 - If not, do you know if the Trust plans to make any IT software purchases in the near future and if so what for?*
- 3. What was the Trusts expenditure on IT software in the last 12 months?*

Trust response:

1. Software is not always purchased centrally via IT. Hospital Directorates often purchase their own products and systems and IT implement them. Therefore, there is no central contact.
2. IT has purchased various Microsoft products as part of normal business operations, such as Visio and Project.
3. It is not possible for the Trust to answer this question. The financial codes applied to the purchase of software are not distinct from other computing expenses such as on-going system support. Also, some software may have been purchased through capital projects and again our coding does not distinguish these costs.