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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 COPD patients or patients with Heart Failure

You asked:

- 1. Within your organisation or any service you commission, is there any use of the following: remote healthcare monitoring for COPD patients or patients with Heart Failure
(Definition for clarity: a patient has either an app, a website link and / or vital sign monitoring where they do this in one place and a clinician reviews their data in another)*
- 2. Should there be use of the above listed programs, when these contracts due for review/renewal – and where possible please supply the provider company name.*
- 3. In addition can you please tell me in which area of your organisation any similar programs are being used (for example for COVID-19 discharge patients, for patients with diabetes)*

Trust response:

- 1. COPD – No**
Heart Failure – The Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust cardiac physiologists run a remote monitoring service via the device clinic for all patients with cardiac devices which includes patients with heart failure. This is provided by our team, it isn't a service that we pay an external provider for.
- 2. Heart Failure –** The patients implanted device cost includes the cost of the remote monitoring equipment and website. We mainly use Merlin (Abbott) and Carelink (Medtronic) but we also use Lattitude (Boston). There is no contract for this that needs renewing- the access is for the lifetime of the patients device.
- 3. Not applicable.**