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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 POC Device Connectivity to Electronic Patient Notes.

You asked:

I would like to request information regarding the connectivity between devices used at the hospital bedside and electronic patient notes, as per the FOI Act. Please could you assist by answering the following queries, as per the latest data available:

1. Name of Hospital

2. What software is used to add information to electronic patient notes e.g. sunrise or POCcelerator?

3. Which point of care devices are connected to electronic patient notes?4. How do the point of care devices enter data into the electronic patient notes?

a. What software is required?

b. Is data transmission through Wi-Fi, ethernet port or another means?

c. Is the data stored on paper patient notes as well as electronically?

5. Can a HL7 output from a point of care device wirelessly update patient electronic notes in your trust?

Trust response:

1. All answers are relevant to both Maidstone Hospital and Tunbridge Wells Hospital as constituent parts of Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust 2. POCelerator is the software recently purchased to transmit POCT results to Sunrise via Cloverleaf TIE. This connectivity is currently being configured, and not fully active yet. The anticipated timeline for Phase 1 completion is approximately three months

3. None currently.

4. Not currently

5. Not currently.