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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 Paper notes.

You asked:

Would you be able to confirm if:

- 1. paper notes/drug charts are used anywhere in the trust, alongside electronic paper notes/drug charts?*
- 2. if so, are there any plans to migrate away from paper to electronic? if not, how often is the decision reviewed?*
- 3. if so, does the trust keep track of serious incidents etc related to paper specifically eg. misreading of handwritten comments/doses?*
- 4. How many incidents happened within the last year (or period the trust tracks)?*
- 5. if not, how long ago did the trust migrate away from paper notes?*

Trust response:

1. There is currently a mixture of paper and electronic records/drug charts within the trust.
2. There is a plan to migrate away from paper to electronic. The Trust is in a phased roll out of electronic patient record (EPR) and electronic prescribing.
3. Serious incidents are logged via our incident reporting system.
4. Over the last 12 months July 2022 – July 2023 there were 16,987 incidents reported.
5. The Trust migrated away from paper notes with the roll out of our EPR in June 2021.