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Response Due: 15th February 2021

Date: 12th February 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

I would like to FOI request answers to the following six questions:

- 1. When did the Trust adopt this tool?** The Trust have not adopted this tool.
- 2. Please provide copies of any meeting minutes or email correspondence with the Department of Health and Social Care or NHS England pertaining to the adoption or ongoing use of the MESH tool. Please also provide any documents/guidance sent to your trust regarding this.**

Please see attached documents as per your request.

- 3. Please provide copies of any documents outlining the rationale for the adoption and use of the MESH tool by the Trust. If available please include equality impact assessments, data protection assessments, and any local policies about the use of the MESH.** N/A

- 4. How frequently are patient records submitted to MESH? i.e on a daily/weekly basis.**

There was a one-off use of MESH in 2019. Records are not routinely submitted to MESH.

- 5. What patient information is submitted to the MESH tool?** N/A
Please supply screenshots of an empty submission template if available

- 6. Does the Trust upload the electronic records of all patients accessing Trust services to the MESH system?** No

If no, what criteria/algorithm does the Trust use to determine which patient records are uploaded? Please provide a copy of any policies or documents specifying the criteria determining which patient records are submitted to the MESH tool. N/A

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Rebecca Lyon
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