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Date: 4th March 2025

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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 4th February 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Dear FOI Team, I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the use of Health IT Systems in your organisation.

For the purposes of this FOI, Health IT Systems are defined as “[a] Product used to provide electronic information for health or social care purposes. The product may be hardware, software or a combination.”

Please note that this definition encompasses any hardware or software product used within the organisation. It does not have to be used for a clinical purpose (i.e., it may be clerical) and applies to both non-medical and medical devices (the latter as defined by UKMDR2002).

This definition is taken from the following sources:

- **DCB0129: Clinical Risk Management: its Application in the Manufacture of Health IT Systems - NHS England Digital**
- **DCB0160: Clinical Risk Management: its Application in the Deployment and Use of Health IT Systems - NHS England Digital**

Requested Information:

1. **The total number of Health IT systems currently in use by the organisation.**
214 systems.

- 2. The number of Health IT systems currently in use by the organisation that have BOTH DCB0129 (from the manufacturer) AND DCB0160 (from the deploying organisation) Clinical Safety Case Reports.**

22 systems have both DCB0129 and DCB0160's.

- 3. The number of Health IT systems currently in use by the organisation that have a valid DCB0129 Clinical Safety Case Report from the manufacturer ONLY (i.e. have a DCB0129 report but NOT a DCB0160 report).**

This information is not centrally recorded.

- 4. The number of Health IT systems currently in use by the trust that have a valid DCB0160 Clinical Safety Case Report from the deploying organisation ONLY (i.e. have a DCB0160 report but NOT a DCB0129 report from the manufacturer).**

42 systems only have DCB0160.

- 5. The total Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) of Clinical Safety Officers who are currently actively working on DCB0129/DCB0160 implementation within the Trust.**

3 trained clinical safety officers, however, this is only part of their role. WTE dedicated time would equate to 0.2.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Garry Harris
Deputy Director Digital & Chief Technology Officer

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wroughton, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111