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Date: 18th March 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 26th 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:

I am writing to formally submit a FOI request regarding the content of the attached PDF file, which contains a survey questionnaire. I kindly request that the NHS processes this as an FOI request and provides the relevant information as outlined in the questionnaire.

Section 1: Demographic Information

1. What is your role within the NHS?

g) Directors and Policy Makers.

2. What is your role in the deployment of AI systems?

c) Leadership and Management Role (involved in strategic implementation, high-level support and resource allocation, etc.)

3. How long have you been in a leadership role within the NHS?

d) More than 10 years.

4. Which region do you work in?

Northwest.

Section 2: Awareness and understanding of AI in the NHS

5. How familiar are you with AI technologies and their potential applications in healthcare?

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6. In your opinion, what are the most promising applications of AI in the NHS?

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7. What are the biggest challenges in adopting AI systems in the NHS?

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Section 3: Leadership Practices in AI Deployment

8. How involved are you in decision-making processes related to AI deployment in your organisation?

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9. What leadership strategies have you employed to facilitate AI adoption?

- a) Stakeholder engagement and communication.
- d) Developing clear governance frameworks.

10. How do you measure the success of AI deployment in your organisation?

- a) Improved patient outcomes
- b) Increased operational efficiency
- c) Cost savings
- d) Staff satisfaction and adoption rates

11. What barriers have you faced as a leader in implementing AI systems?

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Section 4: Ethical and Regulatory Considerations

12. How important do you think ethical considerations are in AI deployment within the NHS?

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13. What ethical concerns do you think are most critical in AI deployment?

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14. How well do you think current regulatory frameworks support AI deployment in the NHS?

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15. To what extent does your organisation ensure compliance with ethical principles (e.g., fairness, transparency) in AI deployment?

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Section 5: Future Outlook and Recommendations

16. What do you think is the most important step the NHS can take to improve AI deployment?

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17. How confident are you in the NHS's ability to successfully integrate AI systems in the next 5 years?

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18. What additional support or resources would help you in your role in deploying AI systems?

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Section 6: Final Comments

19. What is your confidence level that the leadership in the NHS can successfully deploy AI in clinical practice?

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Closing Statement:

If you would like to receive a summary of the findings or participate in further research, please provide your email address below (optional):

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Garry Harris', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Garry Harris
Deputy Director Digital & Chief Technology Officer

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