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Response Due: 23rd September 2025

Date: 22nd September 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 26th August 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

We are requesting the following information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

AI system information

- 1. How many artificial intelligence (AI) systems does your trust/health board currently have in development, and what is the name of the AI system?**
- 2. How many AI systems are currently deployed within your trust/health board and what is the name of the AI system?**
- 4. For every AI model currently being used or developed in your trust:**
 - 3a. Is the AI model being used operationally, clinically, or for another purpose?**
 - 3b. What department(s) is the AI system being used in?**
 - 3c. What month and year was the AI system first deployed? (n/a if in development).**
 - 3d. Was the AI system created by a commercial entity, university, in-house, or within another NHS trust? Please give the name of the organisation.**
 - 3e. What is the AI systems architecture? (e.g. deep neural network, random forest, logistic regression, large language model).**
 - 3f. Which coding language and packages are used to deploy the AI system? (e.g. python - scikit-learn, pytorch, tensorflow)**
 - 3g. What is the nature of the input of the AI system? (e.g. a medical scan, free text notes, tables of lab results).**
 - 3h. What is the nature of the output of the AI system? (e.g. a masked image, a risk score, natural text).**
 - 3i. How was the AI system validated in the target population before deployment?**

3j. What measures are in place to monitor for degradation in the performance of the AI system post-deployment?

3k. What was the cost to procure the AI model and what is the ongoing cost of use?

3l. Which departmental budget is the cost paid from?

Please see the attached.

Data management

4. Was any local patient data used for training or fine tuning the AI system?

5. Is any patient data collected specifically for the purpose of training any of the AI systems currently in development or deployment?

6. Do you share, or plan to share, any patient data with third-party developers for AI-related purposes? If yes, please provide details of the data-sharing agreement or relevant policy.

Please see the attached.

Regulation

7. What is the regulation and certification of the AI model under the European Union Medical Device Directive and/or United Kingdom Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)?

Please see the attached.

Patient/public involvement

8. Was any patient/public engagement undertaken before deployment of the AI system?

9. Is there any ongoing patient/public engagement input into the use of AI within your organisation?

Please see the attached.

Governance

10. Who has responsibility for the AI systems being using?

11. Does your organisation have a governance policy that covers:

11a. Use of AI systems within your organisation?

11b. Ongoing evaluation of an AI model's performance after deployment?

11c. How to monitor for bias in the AI system and how to mitigate against this?

Please see the attached.

If it would aid in your efforts, I have attached an Excel sheet proforma where you can fill in the answers to each question.

Please see the attached response.

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

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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, Wrightington, 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:

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