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Response Due: 3rd October 2025

Date: 3rd October 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 5th September 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:

I am writing to request information under freedom of information legislation, regarding your organisation's use of artificial intelligence (AI) technology/technologies.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following detail:

1. AI Systems in use

- **A list of tools, platforms or systems currently deployed or being piloted/trialled.**
 1. Rayvolve by Az Med.
 2. Annalise Chest X-Ray.
 3. Microsoft Copilot.
- **The purpose and function of each of the above.**
 1. Fracture Detection.
 2. Chest X-Ray pathology.
 3. Copilot is a conversational AI powered by a large language model (GPT-4), designed to assist with tasks, answer questions and generate content.
- **The departments or services where these are operational.**
 - 1 & 2. All services who refer for MSK or Chest imaging.
 3. Management.

2. Procurement and development

- **Details of any contracts, tenders or partnerships with external providers for AI solutions.**
 1. Is a 3-year license with Az Med from 2022 until September 2025.
 2. Annalise is a 2-year pilot which is funded and managed by GM.
 3. Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Contract, from June 2024 to June 2027, Microsoft Support Contract March 2024 to March 2027.
- **Total expenditure on AI related technologies over the past three financial years, broken down by year.**
 1. £41,700 from 2022 until September 2025.
 2. None.
 3. £50,000 per annum.

3. Governance and Ethical Oversight

- **Copies of, or information relating to, any internal policies, frameworks or guidance documents relating to the use of AI.**
N/A.
- **Any ethical review processes or risk assessments conducted prior to deployment.**
N/A.
- **Details of any group responsible for the oversight of AI use within your organisation.**
1 & 2 = AI Audit and Assurance Workgroup.

4. Impact on Workforce

- **Any assessments, reports or internal communications regarding the impact of AI on staffing levels, job roles or workforce planning (including recruitment, redundancy).**
N/A.
- **Information on any roles that have been automated, restructured or made redundant due to AI implementation.**
None.
- **Details of any training, redeployment or upskilling initiatives offered to staff in response to the adoption of AI.**
None.
- **Any consultations with trade unions or staff representatives regarding AI-related changes.**
None.

5. Performance and Evaluation

- **Evaluations, audits or performance reviews of AI systems, as referenced in section 1.**
 - 1 & 2 = Audits and evaluations are presented at the AI Audit and Assurance Workstream.
 3. None currently.
- **Evidence of how AI systems have affected service delivery, decision-making or operational efficiency.**
Benefits not yet realised.

6. Data protection and privacy

- **Types of data used to train or operate AI systems, including whether this data is synthetic or not.**
1 & 2 = DICOM data.

3. N/A.

- **Measures in place to ensure compliance with data protection legislation, including the DPA 2018 and UK GDPR.**
Full DTAC including DPIA.
- **Procedures for handling bias, transparency and accountability in AI decision-making.**
1 & 2 = None available.
3. None currently for genetic Copilot usage.

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
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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:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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