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Response Due: 1st July 2024

Date: 18th June 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 3rd June 2024, 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:

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request the following information.

This information relates to the NHS England Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response Framework in general and subsection 10.4, "Cycle of preparedness, Exercising", in particular. Please note that the information requested are only dates of exercises and a test.

I am not requesting any other details of the exercises and test themselves, nor any information that would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention of crime.

This information should be readily available to the Trust as part of its EPRR annual assurance process.

For clarity I have enumerated the information I am requesting. If you do not hold some of this information, then I ask you to confirm explicitly that you do not hold it.

I request:

- 1. The date of the Trust's own most recent communications systems exercise. I am not requesting the date of any communications systems exercise initiated by another organisation.**
21st November 2023.
- 2. The date of the most recent table-top exercise.**
29th April 2024.

3. The date of the most recent live play exercise. I am aware the NHS EPRR Framework states that if an organisation activates its plan then this replaces the need to run a live exercise “providing lessons are identified and logged and an action plan developed”. Nevertheless I request the date of the most recent live play exercise, not activation of the plan.

22nd June 2023.

4. The date of the most recent command post exercise. I am aware the NHS EPRR Framework states that if an organisation activates its Incident Coordination Centre then this replaces the need to run command post exercise “providing lessons are identified and logged and an action plan developed”. Nevertheless, I request the date of the most recent command post exercise, not activation of the ICC.

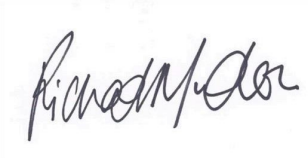
There have been no recent command post exercises due to the number of incidents that have resulted in the Incident Coordination Centre (ICC) being activated recently, therefore the latest test was on 24th April 2018. This is considered an acceptable test of the facilities as per the NHS EPRR Framework.

5. The date of the most recent Incident Coordination Centre equipment test.

There have been no recent ICC equipment tests, as per Question 4.

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,



Richard Mundon
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