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Thank you for your request concerning the use of messaging apps by staff.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1. How many hospitals have a policy regarding the use of messaging apps by their staff?

The Trust has a social media policy which is applicable to all staff at all sites.

2. A list of hospitals that have a policy.

Please use this [link](#) for a list of our sites.

3. Does the policy forbid the use of social messaging apps for sharing patient information?

Yes, the policy expressly forbids the use of social media messaging apps for sharing patient data.

4. A list of hospitals that are paying for messaging apps?

We do not use or pay for any social messaging apps.

5. For the last 3 financial years (2014/15 - 2016/17) what is the total amount spent by hospitals on messaging apps?

Not applicable.

6. A list of the suppliers/vendors.

Not applicable.

7. What is the contract type?

Not applicable.

8. When does the contract start/end?

Not applicable.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

