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Our Ref: FOI/04212

Thank you for your request concerning Electronic Health Records.

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

- 1a) What primary EHR system does your Trust use, if any?**  
**1b) Are electronic inpatient notes implemented in all sites within your Trust? If no, please state which sites do not have electronic notes.**

This information is already in the public domain<sup>1</sup>. Please follow this [link](#) to a previously published response (FOI 3792).

- 1c) Is electronic recording of patient vital signs (i.e. including but not limited to blood pressure, oxygen saturations, etc) implemented in all sites within your Trust? If no, please state which sites do not have electronic observation recording.**

No sites are currently live with electronic recording of patient vital signs.

- 1d) Are electronic drug charts and prescribing implemented in all sites within your Trust? If no, please state which sites do not have electronic prescribing.**

No sites are currently live with electronic drug charts / prescribing.

**Regarding EHR commissioning:**

- 2a) Have you received any direction from a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) or Integrated Care System (ICS) regarding provision of past, present or future EHR systems?**

No.

- 2b) Have you ever undertaken any formal negotiations with other hospital Trusts about jointly procuring an EHR system, and if so, please state with whom and whether negotiations resulted in joint procurement of an EHR system?**

No.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 21 – Information is available through other means

**Regarding EHR interoperability:**

**3a) Assuming your Trust contains multiple hospital sites, are your EHR users able to directly access inpatient electronic notes from different hospital sites within your Trust?**

Yes.

**3b) Aside from NHS spine summary care records (SCR), are your EHR users able to directly access patient records held by local primary care EHRs (e.g. by using an EHR web portal, or healthcare information exchange etc)? If yes, please specify the name of the system that enables this.**

Yes – currently enabled in Hertfordshire & West Essex using the Healthcare Gateway Shared Record Viewer.

**3c) Aside from NHS spine summary care records (SCR), are your EHR users able to directly access patient records held on a separate hospital Trust's EHR? If yes, please specify which Trust's EHR where this interoperability is enabled.**

No.

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*

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