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Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 30/11/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

Regarding Electronic Health Records (EHR):

1a) What primary EHR system does your Trust use, if any?

The Trust does not have an EHR system, we have an in housed developed EPR.

1b) Are electronic inpatient notes implemented in all sites within your Trust? If no, please state which sites do not have electronic notes.

The Trust have a clinical note module present in our IP application which is available Trust wide.

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.

Yes.

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.

A project is currently underway for EPMA deployment across the Trust.

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.

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 – Care and Health Information Exchange (CHIE).

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.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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