

FOI 2968

21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**Does your Health Board have a patient flow system?**

**Response:**

Yes

**If so, is it using the electronic patient record, Or the national offer built on Palantir/Foundry?**

**Response:**

Neither

**Or does the Health Board have a specialist flow product? If so, what is the Supplier name**

**Response:**

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Section 31 – Law Enforcement Section

Section 31(1) (a) states that information is exempt if its disclosure is likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. ICO guidance states that this can be used to protect information on a public authority's systems which would make it more vulnerable to crime. It can be used by a public authority that has no law enforcement function:

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### **Contract expiry date**

#### **Response:**

2025.

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