

FOI 3306

28th August 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RESPONSE 3306

1. The name of your Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system?

Response: EPIC by EPIC Systems.

1. The contract renewal date:

Response: This contract is managed by DHCNI on behalf of the region, please see <https://dhcni.hscni.net/digital-portfolio/encompass/> for additional information. You may wish to redirect this section of your request to encompass.info@hscni.net.

2. Confirm if the trust is planning to come out to tender for a new system

Response: No, the Trust is not planning to tender for a new system.

2. The name of your electronic Prescribing and Medicines Administration (ePMA) system?

Response: This information is exempt from release under Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is a qualified exemption and so a Public Interest Test was carried out to decide if the information should be released or not.

Having weighed up the factors for and against release, it was decided to withhold this information because the disclosure of such information would:

- a) Leave (Southern Health & Social Care Trust) patients, clients & staff more vulnerable to crime.

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:

- To protect the work of one that does
- To withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime.

1. The contract renewal date

Response: This contract is managed by Business Services Organisation (BSO) on behalf of the region. You may wish to redirect this section of your request to Foi.bso@hscni.net

2. Confirm if the trust is planning to come out to tender for a new system

Response: No, the Trust is not planning to tender for a new system.

3. The name of your Medicine Decision Support system? (Could also be known as Medicines Optimisation system)

Response: The Trust does not have a Medicine Decision Support System.

1. The contract renewal date

Response: N/A

2. Confirm if the trust is planning to come out to tender for a new system

Response: N/A

3. The name of the person within the trust responsible for decision-making around the use of this system.

Response: N/A

4. The name of your Cancer Prescribing system? (Could be known as Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy Prescribing)

Response: This information is exempt from release under Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is a qualified exemption and so a Public Interest Test was carried out to decide if the information should be released or not.

Having weighed up the factors for and against release, it was decided to withhold this information because the disclosure of such information would:

- b) Leave (Southern Health & Social Care Trust) patients, clients & staff more vulnerable to crime.

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:

- To protect the work of one that does
- To withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime.

1. The contract renewal date

Response: This contract is managed by Business Services Organisation (BSO) on behalf of the region. You may wish to redirect this section of your request to Foi.bso@hscni.net

2. Confirm if the trust is planning to come out to tender for a new system

Response: No, the Trust is not planning to tender for a new system.

Foi.Team@Southerntrust.hscni.net