

FOI 1600

20.04.2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Please enter 'No System Installed' or 'No Department' under supplier name if your trust does not use the system or have the department:

System type – Discharge Letters

Supplier name

System name -

Date installed -

Contract expiration -

Is this contract annually renewed? - Yes/No Do you currently have plans to replace this system? - Yes/No Procurement framework - Other systems it integrates with? – Total value of contract (£) – Notes - e.g. we are currently out to tender

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System name - Diagnostic Reporting

Date installed -

Contract expiration -

Is this contract annually renewed? - Yes/No Do you currently have plans to replace this system? - Yes/No Procurement framework - Other systems it integrates with? – Total value of contract (£) – Notes - e.g. we are currently out to tender

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System type –Digital Dictation

Supplier name

System name -

Date installed -

Contract expiration -

Is this contract annually renewed? - Yes/No Do you currently have plans to replace this system? - Yes/No Procurement framework - Other systems it integrates with? – Total value of contract (£) – Notes - e.g. we are currently out to tender

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System type –Bed Management

Supplier name

System name -

Date installed -

Contract expiration -

Is this contract annually renewed? - Yes/No Do you currently have plans to replace this system? - Yes/No Procurement framework - Other systems it integrates with? – Total value of contract (£) – Notes - e.g. we are currently out to tender

System definitions:

Discharge Letters - the ability to electronically generate and send detailed discharge letters to GPs and other relevant HCPs, when a patient is discharged from hospital-based services.

Diagnostic Reporting - test results which are electronically transmitted to the clinician who ordered them, with receipt acknowledgement.

Digital Dictation - device used for recording and managing natural speech, allowing staff to verbally input a patients' note into a system without having to manually input it.

Bed Management - real-time bed states are viewable and accessible, enabling more efficient management of bed occupancy and patient movements.

Thanks for your time.

Response:

The information requested in this FOI request is exempt from release under Section 31 and Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

These are both qualified exemptions 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)

b) Pose a significant threat to the integrity & operation of the digital systems on which the day-to-day business of the (Southern Health & Social Care Trust) relies (Section 43).

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.

Section 43(2) states that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). Disclosure of the requested information would leave the (Southern Health & Social Care Trust) digital infrastructure at significant risk of cyber security attack. This would compromise the (Southern Health & Social Care Trust) ability to provide Health & Care Services and carry on business-as usual should the digital systems be compromised.

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