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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 29th November 2021 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to Electronic Healthcare Records and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. Regarding Electronic Health Records (EHR):

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

The Trust has two primary EHR systems, Daedalus i.Clinical Manager and TPP SystemOne Community

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

Digitised inpatient notes are implemented across all sites, working inpatient notes are on paper during the episode of care, there is a structured plan to move to electronic inpatient notes across all sites.

c) 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

d) Are electronic drug charts and prescribing implemented in all sites

within your Trust? If no, please state which sites do not have electronic prescribing.

Yes

2. Regarding EHR commissioning:

a) 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

b) Have you ever undertaken any formal negotiations with other hospital Trusts about jointly procuring an EHR system, and if so, have negotiations resulted in joint procurement of an EHR system?

The Trust has undertaken formal negotiations with other hospital Trusts. No negotiations have resulted in joint procurement.

3. Regarding EHR interoperability:

a) 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?

Digitised notes are accessible from all sites and from any Trust device where the user is authorised to access them.

b) 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 – the Great North Care Record Health Information Exchange.

c) 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.

Yes – the Great North Care Record Health Information Exchange, the full detail of publication should be obtained from the GNCR.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our

disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator