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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 1st December 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 health records and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. Does your Trust operate, or contribute data to, an EHR-linked data warehouse that holds patient-level clinical data that can be used for research purposes? This includes EHR-linked data warehouses where the Trust is the data controller, or academic collaborations where an EHR-linked data warehouse is maintained by an academic institute. This does NOT include NHS Digital Secondary Use Service (SUS) data submissions.

No

- 2. If yes, please specify who the data controller organisation is for the data warehouse.**
- 3. If yes, please specify which EHR vendor software(s) the data warehouse receives data from.**
- 4. Apart from your EHR vendor company, is any commercial third party contracted to enable this data warehouse (e.g. by handling data aggregation and linkage, or handling data storage solutions etc)?**
- 5. If yes, which third party commercial company is involved?**

Not Applicable

6. Does the Trust store any patient data on a "cloud" platform (e.g., including, but not limited to, Google Cloud Platform, Amazon Azure or Amazon Web Services)?

Some clinical systems are secure cloud hosted

7. If yes, which cloud platform solution is used?

Amazon Web Services

8. Does the Trust use an automated, EHR-linked system for NHS Digital Secondary Use Service (SUS) data collation and submission, or is SUS data submitted by manual upload?

Submitted manually by 3rd party transmission software

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