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I am responding to your request for information received 30 May 2024. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

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Request:

Medical Device Integration

Question 1: Is the Trust HIMMS accredited? If so, what level of accreditation has been achieved?

Answer: No.

Question 2: Does the organisation have an existing Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system? If yes, please provide details of the EPR product, including the provider and product name.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here:

Question 4:

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2024-01/anon_response_-_foi_da5131.pdf

Question 3: When is the renewal date for the current EPR system?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 4:

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Question 4: Does the Trust have a solution in place to automatically send patient data from medical devices to the main Hospital Information System / EPR?

Answer: The Trust does not currently have a system in place.

Question 5: Is there a single interoperability platform for all medical devices that automatically sends data to the main hospital information system?

Answer: The Trust does not currently have a single interoperability platform in place.

Question 6: If yes to question 5, who is the supplier and what is the name of the product?

Answer: Not applicable.



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Question 7: If yes to question 5, when does the current contract end?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 8: Is the Trust reviewing any projects that require the integration of medical devices with the main hospital information system / EPR?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 8 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 9: If no to question 5, is the Trust currently evaluating suppliers and product options for medical device interoperability with the main hospital information system (PAS/EPR)?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 9 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 10: If no to question 5, is the Trust interested in learning about software-only solution and how other NHS customers are adopting our technology?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 10 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 11: Who is the lead person to contact regarding projects of this nature? Typically, we would connect with the Chief Clinical Information Officer, Chief Digital Transformation Officer, or EPR Programme Director.

Answer: Philippa Graves - Chief Digital Officer.



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Enterprise Application Integration

Question 12: Does the Trust currently have an integration engine for securely exchanging data between software systems both internally and externally?

Answer: Yes.

Question 13: If yes to question 12, what is the product name?

Answer: The product name is Intersystem HealthConnect.

Question 14: If yes to question 12, do you intend to change your current integration engine?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 14 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 15: If yes to question 14, when does the contract for your current integration engine end?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 16: If no to question 12, do you intend to purchase an integration engine?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 17: If yes to question 16, when do you plan to purchase it?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 18: Who is the lead person to contact about projects of this nature? Please provide their name, email, and phone number if possible.

Answer: Philippa Graves - Chief Digital Officer.
Email: philippa.graves1@nhs.net
Tel: 0207 655 4000

Data Warehouse

Question 19: There are three main architecture patterns for delivering a Shared Care Record to share data with the ICS. Please identify the Trust's chosen option:

- a) **Centralised Model – Data is stored in a centralised, consolidated data repository. Data shared by HIE participants is normalised, housed in, and accessed from a central data repository.**
- b) **Federated Model (also known as Distributed Model) – Data is held at source in a decentralised manner. Each participant maintains separate control of its data, typically in special “edge servers” at its own location,**



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and shares patient-specific data upon request from other HIE participants.

- c) Hybrid Model – A combination of a & b. Builds on the Federated Model by adding a “record locator service” that tracks where patients have received care and where their source data can be requested.**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 19 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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East London NHS Foundation Trust does not share warehouse data with the ICS and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 20: Does the Trust currently have a data repository for the above requirement if selecting b or c?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 20 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 21: If yes, is it FHIR-based?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 22: What is the name of the product?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 23: Who is the supplier?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 24: When is the contract renewal date?

Answer: Not applicable.

Question 25: Is the Trust looking to purchase a data repository?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 25 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.

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Question 26: If yes, when does it plan to purchase it?

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Question 27: Who is responsible for sourcing the data repository? (Please provide name, email, and phone number if possible.)

Answer: Dr Amar Shah, Chief Quality Officer.
Email: amar.shah@nhs.net
Tel: 020 7655 4000



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