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**Our reference: FOI DA5714a**

I am responding to your request for information received 12 November 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

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Request:** Thank you for the prompt reply. I just have two clarifying questions regarding the above that would be very helpful to our understanding.

**Question 1:** Is the inventory management solution listed (Question 1) used across your trust's hospitals / sites or is it specific to select sites?  
If so, for each hospital / site in your trust, please specify if it relies on a third-party inventory management solution, an in-house inventory management solution, or does not use a solution?

**Answer:** The Trust uses Oracle E-Business Suite across all sites within the Trust.

**Question 2:** Where “Not applicable” for a department is the answer given (Question 2), what is meant by this? Is it the case that:

- The trust does not have this department? OR
- That they do not need to use an inventory management solution?  
Please explain why if so.

**Answer:** The Trust does not have this department.



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**Original Request FOI DA5714:** This request relates In-Trust / Health Board inventory management / point of care solutions, the purpose of which is to increase visibility of where inventory sits in the supply chain. More information, including details of a recent NHS Supply Chain initiative in this area in England can be found here:  
<https://www.supplychain.nhs.uk/programmes/in-trust-inventory-management-systems-ims/>

Please provide the following information you have pertaining to inventory management / point of care solutions:

**Question 1:** Does the Trust / Health Board use a third-party inventory management / point of care solution?

Answer: Yes.

**Question 1a:** If yes – please confirm:

i. Which inventory management / point of care solution you use.

Answer: The Trust uses Oracle E-Business Suite.

ii. **Contract value (p.a.)**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question ii 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 10:

[https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-10/foi\\_da4892\\_-\\_appendix\\_1.pdf](https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-10/foi_da4892_-_appendix_1.pdf)

iii. **Contract renewal date**

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

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Question 1:

[https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2024-08/anon\\_response\\_-\\_foi\\_da5514.pdf](https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2024-08/anon_response_-_foi_da5514.pdf)

iv. **When did the Trust / Health Board first start using this solution?**

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

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Question 11:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-09/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA4215.pdf>

**Question 1b: If no – does the Trust / Health Board use any internally-built IT inventory management / point of care solutions?**

Answer: Not applicable.

**Question 2: Please could you indicate which department(s) in the Trust / Health Board use inventory management / point of care solutions, whether third-party or internal?**

**Note: not all Trusts / Health Boards may have all departments in the list below, please mark Not Applicable for any departments not at your Trust**

Answer: Please see table below:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Use third-party inventory management / point of care solution</b> <i>Yes, No, Not Applicable</i>	<b>Use in-house inventory management / point of care solution</b> <i>Yes, No, Not Applicable</i>
Accident and emergency (A&E)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Diagnostic imaging / radiology	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Endoscopy	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Mental Health	Yes	No.
Obstetrics	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Oncology	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Paediatrics	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Surgical procedures (day-patient / in-patient)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Surgical procedures (out-patient)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Other (please specify)	Community Health	Not Applicable



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