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Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Wednesday 12 February 2025. I am pleased to confirm the following.

Ophthalmology Department & IT Record System**1. Does your Trust have an ophthalmology department and/or provide ophthalmology clinics?**

Yes

2. If so, what is the name of the principal IT record system used to document results from patient consultations within ophthalmology?

We don't have a principal system for Ophthalmology.

Imaging Capabilities & System Integration**3. Does the principal IT system allow clinicians to view images from scans conducted during a clinic visit?**

Some systems allow image viewing.

4. Are there any types of medical images that cannot be imported into this principal IT system? If so:

Yes

• What is the name of the IT programme used by clinicians to view these images?

Various systems are used, one of the largest is FORUM

• What is the name of the scan/modality that generates these images?

XA

Data Integration with National Systems

5. Does the principal IT system integrate with the NHS Spine or other national patient record systems (e.g., OpenEyes, Medisoft, Epic)?

No

6. Does the system support the exchange of structured data with other NHS Trusts or external healthcare providers?

No

Patient Access & Communication

7. Does the system allow patients to access their ophthalmology records, including images, via the NHS App or another patient portal?

No

8. Are there any restrictions on how imaging data can be shared with patients and external providers?

NA

Image Storage & Viewing Capabilities

9. What is the storage capacity and retention policy for ophthalmology-related imaging within the IT system?

No formal retention policy exists. Storage is provisioned as required.

10. If images are not viewable within the principal IT system, does the Trust use a separate PACS (Picture Archiving and Communication System) for ophthalmology imaging?

No.

Future IT Developments & Interoperability

11. Is the Trust planning any upgrades or changes to its ophthalmology IT infrastructure in the next five years?

Yes.

12. Are there known interoperability challenges that affect the transfer of ophthalmology data within the Trust or between NHS organizations?

Yes.

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Yours sincerely

Information Governance Administrator
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