

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 21st May 2023
I am pleased to confirm the following.

Paper notes/drug charts are used anywhere in the trust, alongside electronic paper notes/drug charts?

Yes

If so, are there any plans to migrate away from paper to electronic? if not, how often is the decision reviewed?

There is a plan to move the remaining areas that use paper drug charts over to using the wider Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system, subject to funding approval. If approved, this would take place in Summer 2024. Some prescribing would remain on paper until the point at which NHS England supports EPS for the acute healthcare providers too.

If so, does the trust keep track of serious incidents etc. related to paper specifically e.g., misreading of handwritten comments/doses?

There is no set category on our reporting system Radar to capture incidents relating to paper specifically e.g., misreading of handwritten comments/doses.
These could come under a multitude of other categories e.g., medication incidents, communications.

How many incidents happened within the last year (or period the trust tracks)?

As above.

If not, how long ago did the trust migrate away from paper notes?

For the areas that are using electronic prescribing and medication administration, adult inpatient areas (with some exceptions) migrated away in 2018, followed by Paediatrics in 2021.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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