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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Regarding Electronic Health Records (EHR):

1a) What primary EHR system does your Trust use, if any?

[Nerve Centre.](#)

1b) Are electronic inpatient notes implemented in all sites within your Trust? If no, please state which sites do not have electronic notes.

[No.](#)

1c) Is electronic recording of patient vital signs (i.e. including but not limited to blood pressure, oxygen saturations, etc) implemented in all sites within your Trust? If no, please state which sites do not have electronic observation recording.

[Yes.](#)

1d) Are electronic drug charts and prescribing implemented in all sites within your Trust? If no, please state which sites do not have electronic prescribing.

[Not at present but ePMA is about to be rolled out to both main sites.](#)

Regarding EHR commissioning:

2a) Have you received any direction from a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) or Integrated Care System (ICS) regarding provision of past, present or future EHR systems?

[No.](#)

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- 2b) Have you ever undertaken any formal negotiations with other hospital Trusts about jointly procuring an EHR system, and if so, have negotiations resulted in joint procurement of an EHR system?**

Yes, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust has both negotiated and procured an EHR system with other hospital Trusts.

Regarding EHR interoperability:

- 3a) Assuming your Trust contains multiple hospital sites, are your EHR users able to directly access inpatient electronic notes from different hospital sites within your Trust?**

Yes.

- 3b) Aside from NHS spine summary care records (SCR), are your EHR users able to directly access patient records held by local primary care EHRs (e.g. by using an EHR web portal, or healthcare information exchange etc)? If yes, please specify the name of the system that enables this.**

No.

- 3c) Aside from NHS spine summary care records (SCR), are your EHR users able to directly access patient records held on a separate hospital Trust's EHR? If yes, please specify which Trust's EHR where this interoperability is enabled.**

No.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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