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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:

**Please see freedom of information request below with 8 questions about the use of patient data in your Trust. Please note that EHR = electronic health record**

- 1) **Does your Trust operate, or contribute data to, an EHR-linked data warehouse that holds patient-level clinical data that can be used for research purposes? This includes EHR-linked data warehouses where the Trust is the data controller, or academic collaborations where an EHR-linked data warehouse is maintained by an academic institute. This does NOT include NHS Digital Secondary Use Service (SUS) data submissions.**

Yes.

- 2) **If yes, please specify who the data controller organisation is for the data warehouse.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust.

- 3) **If yes, please specify which EHR vendor software(s) the data warehouse receives data from.**

PAS, AllScripts & NerveCentre.

- 4) **Apart from your EHR vendor company, is any commercial third party contracted to enable this data warehouse (e.g. by handling data aggregation and linkage, or handling data storage solutions etc)?**

No.

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5) **If yes, which third party commercial company is involved?**

Not Applicable.

6) **Does the Trust store any patient data on a "cloud" platform (e.g., including, but not limited to, Google Cloud Platform, Amazon Azure or Amazon Web Services)?**

Yes.

7) **If yes, which cloud platform solution is used?**

Microsoft Azure.

8) **Does the Trust use an automated, EHR-linked system for NHS Digital Secondary Use Service (SUS) data collation and submission, or is SUS data submitted by manual upload?**

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](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference.

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