

FOI REF: 25/366

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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:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the use of immersive technologies for medical training within your trust. Specifically, I would like to ask the following questions:

1. **Does your organisation use immersive technologies for medical education and training purposes? This may include:**
 - a. **Virtual Reality (VR)**
 - b. **Augmented Reality (AR)**
 - c. **Mixed Reality (MR)**
 - d. **Assisted Reality (AsR)**

Yes, VR.

2. **If yes, what is the total number of immersive technology systems in use, broken down by type (e.g., VR headsets, AR glasses, MR platforms)?**

10 x VR headsets
2 x VR platforms
2 x 360 cameras

3. **How many of these devices have been purchased in the past 24 months, broken down by type?**

4 x headsets
1 x VR software license

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4. **What is the estimated number of healthcare professionals and medical students who have used these systems within the past 12 months?**

Approximately 100.

5. **Which departments or clinical specialties have integrated these immersive technologies as part of their training or education programs?**

It is not yet fully integrated as a permanent part of any education programme.

6. **Briefly, what is the primary application of these technologies (e.g., surgical training, anatomy education, patient communication, treatment planning)?**

- Recognising and managing deteriorating patient's scenarios
- Communication scenarios
- Patient rehabilitation
- Orientation

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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

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