

Freedom of Information Act Request

The posts which I have read which discuss how the NHS is using virtual wards, apps, remote technologies, patient portals and telemedicine devices, provide no information concerning what parents and children are told about how their data will be used or whether parents are able to opt out of such technology use.

1. Please can you therefore provide details of
 - a. whether (as at August 2024) any of the following are used by the trust to support children's care: telehealth and telemedicine technologies, MHealth apps, health information technologies, remote monitoring technologies, digital healthcare devices, wearable devices and telemedicine devices and/or any other technologies designed to facilitate personalised medicine not detailed above
 - b. The names/details of technologies being used
 - c. The purposes for which such technologies are being used. NB we are not asking for detailed information about the operation or implementation of these technologies, but merely the broad purposes for which they are being used.

Neuro Clinical Video Service (SVS) & vCreate Video Messaging Services

2. In your trust, please can you advise what information clinicians are given about how data collected by such technology is processed, for what purposes, and with whom it is shared. Again, we are asking for information in broad terms e.g. whether information is shared with commercial entities/third parties and the status of those entities ie technology provider but not the names of those entities.

After careful consideration, we have determined that the information you have requested includes subjective opinions, judgments, or assessments that are not based on objective, factual data.

Under the relevant FOI legislation, public authorities are obligated to provide factual information, documents, and data, but are not required to disclose subjective opinions or speculative statements. As such, this portion of the request is exempt from disclosure.

Should you require access to objective data or records relevant to your request, we would be happy to assist you with that information.

3. Please can you confirm what information doctors and other health professionals in your trust give/are advised to give to child patients and/or their parents about the benefits and risks of using such technology generally/specifically.

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4. Please can you confirm what information doctors and other health professionals in your trust give/are advised to give to child patients and/or their parents about how data collected by such technology is processed, for what purposes, and with whom it is shared.

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5. Please can you provide copies of all policies and documents that have been developed by or within the trust with a view to ensuring that when NHS staff are advocating the use of such technology, children and parents' information is processed in accordance with the UKGDPR.

Please see our Trust Privacy Notice through the link below

<https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Full-Privacy-notice-for-website.pdf>

6. Please can you advise what information is currently provided within your trust for the child patients and their parents to refer to should they have any queries about how data collected by such technologies is used and by whom.

Please see our national data opt out guidance through the link below

<https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/about-us/our-publications/information-governance/national-data-opt-out-programme/>

7. Please can you advise what advice is provided to clinicians in your trust about the response they should give where a child patient or their parent does not wish to use such technologies/wishes to opt out of data collection or sharing related to the use of such technologies.

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