

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. Current Use of Asset Tracking

a) Does your organisation use any system to track the location of medical equipment?
(Yes / No) - **Yes**

If "No" go to section 4.

b) If yes, which of the following methods are used to track equipment? (please select all that apply)

- Fixed scanners or handheld scanners that detect tagged equipment automatically (e.g. radio-frequency or similar technologies) - **Yes**
- Tags or sensors attached to equipment that provide location updates within buildings (e.g. via Bluetooth or similar signals) - **Yes**
- Scanning barcodes or QR codes on equipment using mobile devices - **No**
- Location tracking using GPS (e.g. for equipment used in the community) - **No**
- Manual recording of equipment location (e.g. spreadsheets, paper records, or asset registers) – **No**
- Other (please specify) – **Use of an asset database**

c) If known, please provide the name(s) of any supplier(s) used.

2. Scope of Tracking

a) Does tracking cover:

- Acute settings only - **Yes**
- Acute and community settings - **No**
- Community settings only - **No**

b) Approximately how many assets are tracked?

- <1,000
- 1,000–5,000
- 5,000–10,000 - **Yes**

- 10,000+

3. Operational Challenges

Does your organisation experience any of the following? (please select all that apply)

- Equipment not available when needed - **Yes**
- Time spent by staff searching for equipment - **Yes**
- Difficulty locating devices for maintenance or compliance - **Yes**
- None of the above - **No**

4. Evaluation and Future Plans

a) Has your organisation produced any internal report or evaluation relating to asset tracking systems?

(Yes / No) - **No**

b) Are there plans to review or expand asset tracking capabilities within the next 24 months?

(Yes / No / Unknown) - **Unknown**

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to d.wraith@nhs.net.

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

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