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Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Freedom of Information Act Request

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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your Trust. The questions relate to dermatology services your Trust commissions, including the use of teledermatology. Please could you provide me with answers to the following:

1. Teledermatology provision

Does your organisation currently use a teledermatology platform or system to support the delivery of dermatology services? If yes, please confirm whether this is used for any of the following purposes:

- Store-and-forward image review
- Advice and Guidance between primary and secondary care
- Remote consultation or virtual outpatient appointments
- Triage of urgent suspected skin cancer referrals

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust does not currently operate or provide a teledermatology platform or system to support the delivery of dermatology services. Accordingly, the Trust does not use a teledermatology platform for:

- Store-and-forward image review;
- Advice and Guidance between primary and secondary care;
- Remote consultation or virtual outpatient appointments; or
- Triage of urgent suspected skin cancer referrals.

Teledermatology services within the local area are commissioned by the relevant Integrated Care Board (ICB) and are not provided by the Trust. Information relating to teledermatology platforms, suppliers, contracts and service delivery is therefore not held by the Trust.

Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (duty to provide advice and assistance), the requester may wish to contact the relevant ICB directly:

- **NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board** (for Doncaster services): https://southyorkshire.icb.nhs.uk
- **NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board** (for Bassetlaw services): https://notts.icb.nhs.uk

2. Technology platform

Please state the name of the teledermatology software platform or system currently in use. If more than one platform is in use, please list all and indicate the purpose of each.

Not applicable. The Trust does not operate a teledermatology platform.

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3. Commissioning and funding arrangements

Is the teledermatology platform funded and procured directly by your organisation, or is it commissioned and funded by your ICB? If both apply, please clarify which platforms fall under each arrangement. Additionally, please indicate whether any of your teledermatology platforms are funded centrally, for example through research-supported or NHS England funding.

The Trust does not commission, procure or fund a teledermatology platform. Teledermatology services are commissioned by the Integrated Care Board and are not provided by the Trust.

4. Contract details

Please state the start date, end date, and total contract value of the current teledermatology platform contract or contracts, where this information is not exempt from disclosure.

Not applicable. The Trust does not hold a contract for the provision of a teledermatology platform

5. Procurement plans

Is there an active or planned procurement for a teledermatology platform currently under way or anticipated within the next 24 months? If yes, please provide details of the anticipated timeline.

The Trust has no active or planned procurement relating to a teledermatology platform.

6. Dermatology referral activity

For the most recent full financial year for which data is available, please provide:

- The total number of new referrals onto a dermatology Referral to Treatment (RTT) pathway received by your organisation **Response: 12405**
- The total number of urgent suspected cancer (two-week wait) referrals for skin cancer received by your organisation
  The Trust is unable to provide this information under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
- The total number of skin cancers diagnosed by your organisation
  The Trust is unable to provide this information under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Trust is able to provide the total number of new referrals onto a Dermatology RTT pathway because this information is held within a centrally reportable RTT dataset and can be retrieved through routine reporting processes.

However, information relating to urgent suspected cancer referrals and confirmed skin cancer diagnoses is not held within a single centrally reportable dataset. The relevant information is recorded across a number of different clinical and administrative systems used by separate services involved in the patient's pathway, including referral management, outpatient, cancer tracking, diagnostic and pathology systems.
To identify and collate the requested information would require the Trust to undertake extensive manual searches across multiple systems and, in some cases, review individual patient records to determine referral routes and confirmed diagnoses. The Trust estimates that the work required to locate, retrieve and extract this information would exceed the appropriate limit set out in Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The appropriate limit for NHS organisations is £450, representing 18 hours of staff time at the statutory rate of £25 per hour.
Accordingly, the Trust is refusing these elements of the request under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

7. Key contacts

Please provide the name and contact details, or job title if personal details are not disclosable, of the following individuals within your organisation:

- The clinical lead for dermatology
- The operational or service lead responsible for dermatology services
- The individual responsible for digital or technology procurement within dermatology or the wider clinical directorate

The Trust publishes details of its senior leadership structure through its organisational structure chart. Names, job titles and contact details for senior members of staff where disclosure is appropriate are available within the published structure chart.

The Trust has provided all information held that is suitable for disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Personal contact details of staff below senior management level are exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as disclosure would constitute the release of personal data and would be contrary to the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

The requester is therefore directed to the Trust's published organisational structure chart for details of relevant senior officers.

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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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113
Website: https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/