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Dear

**Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act**

Thank you for your email of 15<sup>th</sup> March making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

**Request:**

- 1) Does the nature of some medications and/or treatment used in your organisation mean that if a patient is on home leave, it is important that some vital signs are still measured?
- 2) Does your organization presently use and/or endorse a (RPM) **remote patient monitoring system** to capture vital signs or other health related measurements whilst a patient is on a leave of absence and/or weekend leave e.g. residing in their own home (*Measurement examples being blood pressure/weight/temperature/Oxygen Saturation/EWS/ pulse/glucose etc.*)?

2.1 If the answer is **NO** –

- 2.1.1 Is telemedicine/ RPM, something that the Trust would consider (within the next 2 years)?
- 2.1.2 If the Trust is not considering RPM for suitable patients (*able to take their own readings or have a relative who can do this for them*) – is there a reason why this is not being considered?

2.2 If the answer is **YES** – RPM is presently used in the community - could you please detail –

- 2.2.1 the system type/name/supplier

- 2.2.2 Where do you send this data/measurements to – for instance...GP system?
  - 2.2.3 When this system came into use and when contract expires
  - 2.2.4 How much does this cost the Trust (approximately) per patient or per year for multiple patient?
  - 2.2.5 What patient data is captured & are there measurements you would like to capture but cannot achieve at the moment?
  - 2.2.6 Has there been any analysis of this data to demonstrate that remote patient monitoring from home, (or community residence) has improved patient care/medication needs/ allowed patients more time at home etc?
- 3) Who is the main person(s)/ decision maker (s) or team – who would probably be responsible (or is responsible) for the decision to use remote patient monitoring in the community? Name/title...

Response:

The Trust does not utilise remote patient monitoring and therefore holds no information in relation to your request.

If you are concerned with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Information Governance