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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4118**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 14th November 2019.

Your request was as follows:

To assist you, what I mean by clinical decision support systems, these are stand alone or integrated software which helps clinical staff make safe decisions and take appropriate action. The can be algorithms, care plans, clinical referencing, or clinical condition specific guidelines which incorporate treatment or decision making.

Proprietary examples include:

- BestPractice (BMJ)
  - ClinicalKey, ExpertPath, STATdx, Arezzo (Elsevier)
  - DXS
  - DynaMed, DynaMed Plus, Isabel (EBSCO)
  - First DataBank, Zynx (Hearst)
  - IBM Watson, Micromedex (IBM)
  - iRefer (MedCurrent)
  - MedicinesComplete (BNF)
  - Provation
  - LexiComp, UpToDate (WoltersKluwer)
  - ThinkResearch (ThinkResearch Corporation)

1. Does the trust operate any clinical decision support systems (examples above)

• If so, which ones?

None

2. What is the cost of licences (and any other support) the Trust paid on clinical decision support systems in the financial years 2017-18 & 2018-19

£0

3. Has the trust developed their own electronic clinical decision support system(s)?

No

4. If so, what were the WTE and total funding costs incurred in development of their own clinical decision support system(s) for the financial years 2017-18 & 2018-19 respectively

0

5. What was the Trusts' total operating budget for financial years 2017-18 & 2018-19 respectively

2017/18 operating expenditure (plan)	£111,686k	Operating income (plan)	£122,214k
2018/19 operating expenditure (plan)	£114,330k	Operating income (plan)	£124,694k

All the above figures exclude finance costs/ depreciation.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

*Mike Burns*

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