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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5984**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 13th October 2023.

Your request was as follows:

1.  Do you monitor and log potential patient harms as a result of problems with your Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) would log incidents regarding the Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system under the 'Digital Systems' category on the incident reporting system.

2.  Overall, how many letters to GPs, or documents, have not been sent out as a result of EPR problems?

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested as it is not logged on the incident reporting system if the incident was a result of an EPR problem. Therefore we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOIA, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOIA is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOIA does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

3.  Please give the date/s when you discovered these letters were not sent?

N/A

4.  Overall, how many incidents of potential patient harm have been connected to your EPR system?

0 incidents of potential patient harm have been connected to the EPR system.

5.  Overall, how many incidents involving EPR at your trust have been declared as "serious harm" or a "serious incident"?

0 incidents involving EPR at the Trust have been declared as "serious harm" or a "serious incident".

6.  Overall, how many patient deaths have been connected to EPR?

0 patient deaths have been connected to EPR.

7.  How much have you spent on your EPR system overall?

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested as the WCFT have an in-house developed system and the costs are absorbed into the overall IT budget. Therefore we cannot provide this information.

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8.  How much do you anticipate spending on EPR in the next five years?

Please see response for Q7.

9.  What is the anticipated cost of running the EPR system at your trust annually?

Please see response for Q7.

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

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**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5984 in any future communications.**

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Yours sincerely



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