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Name: Amor Perez

Via email

Dear Amor Perez,

<u>Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information - NHS Surrey Heartlands</u> Clinical Commissioning Group.

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 24 May 2022 for information held by NHS Surrey Heartlands CCG under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your Request

I'm writing to you because we are collecting information about integrating the data related to patient data records in the different ICS in England.

Unfortunately, I couldn't get this information through your website. For that reason, I was wondering if your ICS has established any data platform or collaboration platform to integrate the data.

Our Response

NHS Surrey Heartlands CCG does hold this information. The CCG considers that this information is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 21 (Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means), which provides an exemption from the duty to disclose information which is accessible to the Applicant by other means. This information is already available in the public domain and can be accessed at:

https://www.surreyheartlands.uk/about/our-journey-so-far/

https://www.surreyheartlands.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/SH-SDP-Our-journey-v2.pdf

In addition, we would recommend that a good place to start understanding what is happening nationally around joining up of data is to visit the NHS England website which sets out the





deliverables and expectations for how systems need to support and integrate data. For your reference this can be found here:

https://www.england.nhs.uk/digitaltechnology/connecteddigitalsystems/health-and-care-data/joining-up-health-and-care-data/

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above email address or at the above address.

If you are unhappy 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 the Senior Governance Manager using the contact details at the top of this letter quoting the appropriate reference number.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by The North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF
or www.ico.gov.uk

Any information we provide following your request under the Freedom of Information Act will not confer an automatic right for you to re-use that information, for example to publish it. If you wish to re-use the information that we provide, and you do not specify this in your initial application for information then you must make a further request for its re-use as per the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 www.legislation.gov.uk. This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

Freedom Of Information Officer



