Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 19/06/2019.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

1.Does your Trust have a single EPR system currently in use (as of 20/06/2019)?

No

- If 'Yes', what system is this, and is there a Pathology module actively in use or does the LIMS have an automated information feed into the EPR?

N/A

- If 'No', are there agreed plans to begin implementation of an EPR in your Trust within the next 3 years?

No

2. What LIMS (Supplier/Vendor, version number) is currently (as of 20/06/2019) in-use across all disciplines managed within Pathology (such as but not limited to Microbiology, Blood Sciences, Cellular Pathology, Mortuary)?

Apex/iLab from DXC

3. When was the hardware for the server of this LIMS last refreshed?

Section 38 (1) (A): This exemption is applied as it would be likely to endanger the safety of the Trust. In this instance, releasing information about IT operating systems could put the Trust's cyber security at risk which is a risk to the health records of our patients and directly affects their physical health or safety.

4. When was a disaster recovery exercise of the LIMS/EPR last performed (month/year)?
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5. Does your current LIMS have inbuilt business intelligence software tools, such as a SQL reporting?

No

- If 'Yes', what is this tool and is it made available Trust/network wide or access limited to dedicated Pathology users?

N/A

6.   Is your Trust currently part of a Pathology network?

 Yes

-   If 'Yes', what LIMS are currently (as of 20/06/2019) in use within the networked laboratory sites? Has a formal process begun of selecting a single LIMS provider for your network? If this process has reached tender award stage / implementation, which LIMS has been chosen and what year is currently targeted for the 'go-live' of the system?

DXC and Clinisys are both in use within our network. The 2 hubs have chosen different systems. There is no central procurement across the whole network.

-   If 'No', has a process begun of selecting a new LIMS provider for your Trust? If this process has reached tender award stage / implementation, which LIMS has been chosen and what year is currently targeted for the 'go-live' of the system?

N/A

7.   Does your Trust use electronic requesting and reporting in secondary care?

Yes

-   If 'Yes', what systems (as of 20/06/2019) is currently in use?

 ICE from Clinisys

8.   Does your Trust use electronic requesting and reporting in primary/tertiary care?

Yes

-   If 'Yes', what systems (as of 20/06/2019) is currently in use?

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9.   Do you currently use nPex or other 3rd party software for exporting results and requests between either network partners or external reference laboratories?

Yes

-   If 'Yes', could you provide details of which Pathology disciplines use this software, and who their primary reference / network laboratory is for this communication link.

Bowel cancer testing only at the moment.

10. Does administration of Pathology specific software (such as LIMS, document control, stock

databases, middleware) lie within a dedicated Pathology IT team or a Trust-wide IT team?

IT with a small amount of configuration control within Pathology.

11.   Does administration of Pathology specific hardware lie (such as shared network storage, report printers, dedicated servers) within a dedicated Pathology IT team or a Trust-wide IT team?

IT

12. Does your Pathology department have a formal service level agreement of equivalent with your Trust/Network IT department with stated roles and responsibilities for IT maintenance and project development?

No, we are a single organisation and have a Trust wide SLA.

13. If your Pathology department has a dedicated team, how many WTE are assigned to this team?

N/A