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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 12th December 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:

The questions below are designed to help me and my organisation better understand the scale and scope of requests for information sharing arrangements being made of individual NHS trusts and their constituent hospitals by research organisations and businesses over the duration of the past 3 financial years.

Specifically, I would like to ask your NHS trust about any requests to use or access data for commercial or research purposes of which, it is/has been a controller, joint controller or controller in common, in the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 as follows:

- the number of requests made in each of the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18;
- the percentage of requests that have been accepted, rejected or held pending in each of the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18;
- a breakdown of the form, size and sector type of the entities that made the requests in each of the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18; and

- a breakdown of the form, size and sector type of the entities whose requests were successful in each of the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18; and
- a percentage of those successful requests which resulted in the trust, or its constituent hospitals, entering into a commercial or financial relationship with the requestor or its affiliates in each of the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18.
- Notwithstanding the above, can the trust confirm whether it, or one of its constituent hospitals, has entered into a commercial or financial relationship with any of the following entities as a result of the requests made in each of the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18? Google; DeepMind; Sensyne Health; Benevolent AI; Orion Health; IBM;
- can the trust supply a copy of the trust's intellectual policy document/s, if any covering the period 2015-present?

Response:

- the number of requests made in each of the financial years
 - o 2015-16 0
 - o 2016-17 8
 - o 2017-18; 10
- the percentage of requests that have been accepted, rejected or held pending in each of the financial years
 - o 2015-16 na
 - o 2016-17 100% accepted
 - o 2017-18; 100% accepted
- a breakdown of the form, size and sector type of the entities that made the requests in each of the financial years
 - o 2015-16 na
 - o 2016-17 7 private 1 public sector
 - o 2017-18; and 10 private sector

- a breakdown of the form, size and sector type of the entities whose requests were successful in each of the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18

Information provided above.

- a percentage of those successful requests which resulted in the trust, or its constituent hospitals, entering into a commercial or financial relationship with the requestor or its affiliates in each of the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18.

Nil

- Notwithstanding the above, can the trust confirm whether it, or one of its constituent hospitals, has entered into a commercial or financial relationship with any of the following entities as a result of the requests made in each of the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18? Google; DeepMind; Sensyne Health; Benevolent AI; Orion Health; IBM; Nil

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No IP Policy exists currently

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 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,

Mark Underwood

Head of Information Governance