

Information Governance

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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 12 March 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:

1. Does your trust use PEPPOL as the messaging standard for key documents (purchase orders, advance shipping notes, invoices) to be exchanged between the trust and suppliers?
*Please see below for a PEPPOL definition
 - a. If yes, please provide the name of the PEPPOL access point provider (i.e. GHX, Pagero, EDICOM, Tradeshift etc) *Please see below for a definition of a PEPPOL access point provider
 - b. What was the annual cost of their services in 17/18?
 - c. Contract Start Date
 - d. Contract End Date
 - e. Did the organisation use a framework to procure this service? If so, please provide the framework name
 - f. Please provide the name and job title of the individual who signed the contract
 - g. Following the purchase of your PEPPOL Access Point Supplier, has the organisation seen any quantifiable benefits, if so, please provide detail of these benefits (i.e. reduction of hours spent on manual checks, % of tasks process automation, reduction in errors)

2. Does the PEPPOL access point provider integrate with any other non-NHS systems to provide services, supported by and compliant with PEPPOL? (i.e. to provide Process Orders (PO's), Stock Items, Auditing, Fraud Protection etc.)

a. If yes, please provide the name of the non-NHS provider and the type of service provided:

Response:

The Trust currently do not use PEPPOL access points to exchange documents between the Trust and suppliers. The Trust holds no information in relation to this request as a result.

If you are concerned 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