

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request dated 26 February 2014

In response to your query, please find our answers highlighted in yellow in the email below

1. Does your trust encourage the use of medical smartphone/tablet computer applications ('apps') by staff in the clinical environment? Please provide details of trust policies on this subject. **We have developed one clinical app**
2. Please state whether apps, for use on smartphones or tablet computers, have been developed within your trust, for clinical use within and/or outside your trust? If so, please provide details of these apps and the testing/approval process they underwent. **Within the Trust – Antibiotic Policy – approval at Informatics Committee**
3. Please provide documents related to your trust's governance policy related to use of medical apps in the clinical environment. If there is a regulatory or approval framework in place, please provide details. If no regulatory or approval framework exists, is one being considered? What criteria are clinical apps assessed against before their use is permitted within your trust? **Don't have one**
4. Within the last five years, have there been any significant/serious clinical events in your trust (or your predecessor trusts) where the use of medical apps have been implicated? If so, please break down the incidence by year and state the name of the app concerned in each case. **No**
5. Please provide strategy documents related to app development within your organisation, if these exist. **None exist**

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at foi@homerton.nhs.uk, in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk to take them further.

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Kind regards

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