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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 211129.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

I have a Freedom of Information request that I would like to raise, could you please provide the answers to the below questions.

1. Is your Acute trust part of an acute care provider collaborative?

1a. If yes, could you please provide the name of the acute care provider collaborative that you are a part of?

1b. Could you please provide the name of the lead trust in the acute care provider collaborative that you are a part of?

1c. Could you please provide the name of the person (people) who represent your organisation at the acute care provider collaborative?

2. Is your Acute trust a member of a place-based collaborative?

2a. If yes, could you please provide the name of the place-based collaborative that you are a part of?

2b. Could you please provide the name of the person (people) who represents your organisation at the place-based collaborative?

As the NHS transitions to integrated care systems, provider collaboratives will be a key component of system working, being one way in which providers work together to plan, deliver, and transform services.

In the case of trusts providing acute and mental health services, they are expected to be part of a provider collaborative by spring 2022. Community trusts, ambulance trusts and independent providers can participate in collaboratives *where this would benefit patients and makes sense for the providers and systems involved.*

Whilst the Trust is fully engaged with system partners, acute trusts and NHS England & NHS Improvement, existing collaborative arrangements are currently under review to ensure provider collaboratives and place-based partnerships are developed to meet the requirements as set out in the *Working together at scale: guidance on provider collaboratives* (2021) and *Integrated Care Systems: design framework* (2021).

The Trust acknowledges that by working effectively at scale, provider collaboratives can offer opportunities to tackle unwarranted variation, making improvements and delivering the best care for patients and communities, continue to support work to identify shared goals, appropriate membership and governance, and ensure that activities are well aligned with integrated care system priorities.

The progress of such activities is currently subject to the Health and Care Bill being progressed through Parliament.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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