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Internal Reference: 260655
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **29/06/2026**.
We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
Please ensure you quote the Internal Reference number above in any future correspondence.

Please accept the Trust's apologies for the delay and inconvenience you have experienced regarding your FOIA request.

Your Request

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the local rollout and implementation of the Federated Data Platform (FDP). Please could you provide full answers to the following two questions and supply copies of the documents requested where appropriate.

In the below questions the term live, in relation to the FDP, refers to the trust having the platform available for use, known as a local instance. If the trust has a live local instance, but has not adopted or trialled any FDP apps, please only answer question 2.

1.
 - a) If the FDP is currently live at your trust, please can you describe the process/methodology by which the trust has internally monitored the roll out of individual apps in terms of effectiveness, potential risks, patient impact/engagement, appropriate data management and cost effectiveness. Please could you specify the types of assessment tools used, and provide copies of them including, but not limited to copies of the following documents:



- Data protection impact assessments.
- Equality impact assessments.
- Information governance committee assessments/reports.
- Risk assessments.
- Business case.
- Board minutes discussing the Federated Data Platform.
- Implementation plan.
- Academic research or evaluations

b) Please could you also list any working groups or committees which had oversight of, or responsibility for, the roll out and evaluation of FDP apps and what their remits were.

2.

If your trust is live (has an active local instance of the FDP), but has not deployed any Apps, please can you:

- i) Explain why no apps have been deployed.
- ii) Are you currently looking at trialling or adopting any FDP apps.
- iii) If yes to the above, please name each app you are considering and when you are looking at adopting them.

Formal Response

The Trust does not currently have a live local instance of the Federated Data Platform (FDP). The FDP is not currently used by the Trust and there are no current plans to utilise any specific FDP applications.

As the Trust does not have a live local instance of the FDP, we have not deployed, trialled or adopted any FDP apps. We therefore do not hold assessment documents relating to the rollout, monitoring, implementation or evaluation of FDP apps, including but not limited to data protection impact assessments, equality impact assessments, information governance committee assessments or reports, risk assessments, business cases, Board minutes, implementation plans, academic research or evaluations.

In response to part 1(b), the Trust does not hold information on any working groups or committees with oversight of, or responsibility for, the rollout and evaluation of FDP apps, as no such rollout or evaluation has taken place.

In response to question 2, this is not applicable. The Trust does not have a live local instance of the FDP and has not deployed any FDP apps. The Trust is not currently trialling or adopting any FDP apps and therefore does not hold recorded information naming any apps under consideration or proposed adoption dates.





Next steps

Some information held by the Trust is routinely published on our [website](#) and may be of assistance.

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Requests for an internal review should be submitted within **40 working days** of the date of this response and should be sent to:

Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance at FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

The internal review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in handling your original request, ordinarily the Trust's Data Protection Officer. We aim to complete internal reviews within **20 working days** of receipt.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of the internal review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO generally expects complaints to be raised promptly following the completion of an internal review.

The easiest way to raise a complaint is via the ICO's website:
www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Alternatively, you may write to:
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Corporate Governance Team
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

