Date 11ᵗʰ December 2019

Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/19/11/22.

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

To assist you, what I mean by clinical decision support systems, these are stand alone or integrated software which helps clinical staff make safe decisions and take appropriate action. The can be algorithms, care plans, clinical referencing, or clinical condition specific guidelines which incorporate treatment or decision making.

Proprietary examples include:

- **BestPractice (BMJ)**
    - **ClinicalKey, ExpertPath, STATdx, Arezzo (Elsevier)**
    - **DXS**
    - **DynaMed, DynaMed Plus, Isabel (EBSCO)**
    - **First DataBank, Zynx (Hearst)**
    - **IBM Watson, Micromedex (IBM)**
    - **iRefer (MedCurrent)**
    - **MedicinesComplete (BNF)**
    - **Provation**
    - **LexiComp, UpToDate (WoltersKluwer)**
    - **ThinkResearch (ThinkResearch Corporation)**

To assist me with my research, could you please give me the following information please:

1. Does the trust operate any clinical decision support systems (examples above)
◦ If so, which ones?
The Trust uses NHS Pathways for 999/111 call-handlers and clinicians. In addition, we use Manchester Triage System (MTS) for clinicians

2. What is the cost of licences (and any other support) the Trust paid on clinical decision support systems in the financial years 2017-18 & 2018-19
The cost of the MTS licenses was £12,000 for 3 years. We do not pay for NHS Pathways

3. Has the trust developed their own electronic clinical decision support system(s)?
No

4. If so, what were the WTE and total funding costs incurred in development of their own clinical decision support system(s) for the financial years 2017-18 & 2018-19 respectively
N/A

5. What was the Trusts' total operating budget for financial years 2017-18 & 2018-19 respectively
Please see table below:

Year	Pay	Non-Pay	Total
2017-18	142,157,390	57,726,293	199,883,683
2018-19	152,491,156	62,369,844	214,861,000

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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