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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 322 - 2019

Thank you for your email dated the 13th November 2019, requesting information relating to clinical decision support systems.

The information that you require is as follows:

I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

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. They 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)

Yes, our Trust does operate a clinical decision support systems

- If so, which ones?

First Databank

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

Please see figures below:

2017/18 - £10,308.67

2018/19 - £10,308.67

3. Has the trust developed their own electronic clinical decision support system(s)?

No, our Trust has not developed its own electronic clinical decision support system.

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

	2017/18	2018/19
Overall	£5,873,000.00	£5,798,000.00
Capital	£2,003,000.00	£2,750,000.00
Revenue	£3,870,000.00	£3,048,000.00

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>