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West Midlands  
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**Date:** 21/08/2024

**Address / Email:**

Dear

### **Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

#### **Request**

How much money has the Trust spent on EPR (Electronic Patient Record software) over the last 12 months?

More broadly, how much money has the Trust spent on any type of software in the last 12 months (e.g. EPR, PAS, TIE, etc - please factor in all types of software)?

Does the Trust have a TIE (Trust Integration Engine), or a centralised integration platform of any kind? If so, who is the vendor and name of the platform (e.g. Intersystems Ensemble, Orion Health Rhapsody, etc)?

How many people are in the Trust's digital integration team (employees responsible for integrating software, e.g. EPR, with other software)?

More broadly, how many people does the Trust employ who have some kind of a Digital, Data or Technology (DDaT) role?

#### **Response**

1. How much money has the Trust spent on EPR (Electronic Patient Record software) over the last 12 months?

**£504k**

2. More broadly, how much money has the Trust spent on any type of software in the last 12 months (e.g. EPR, PAS, TIE, etc - please factor in all types of software)?

**£3.79 million**

3. Does the Trust have a TIE (Trust Integration Engine), or a centralised integration platform of any kind? If so, who is the vendor and name of the platform (e.g. Intersystems Ensemble, Orion Health Rhapsody, etc)?
4. **It is imperative that the Trust is cyber resilient, cyber-attacks against infrastructure have the potential to inflict significant, real-life disruption and prevent access to critical**

**services that are vital to the functioning of Trust systems. The Trust considers this information to be sensitive information and are therefore holding this information under Section 31(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would or likely to, prejudice – (a) the prevention or detention of crime.**

5. How many people are in the Trust's digital integration team (employees responsible for integrating software, e.g. EPR, with other software)?

**< 5**

**The Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved therefore exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act has been applied.**

6. More broadly, how many people does the Trust employ who have some kind of a Digital, Data or Technology (DDaT) role?

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If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team  
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**