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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013905 –

I am making a request under the Freedom of Information Act for the following information and I would be grateful if you could provide me with brief answers to the following questions:

1. Are your doctors still currently using dictation recorders with analogue tapes/cassettes? - Yes

2. Do you currently use any digital dictation systems and if so which one(s) - Yes we use digital dictation

* Exemption 43 has been applied given it is commercially sensitive in that providing names may compromise information security.

a. If yes, which departments use them, how much has been spent on them and what are the start and end dates of any contracts? -

Diagnostics (Radiology/Pathology), Clinical letter production – all departments

Annual contract renewal dates

Both dictation systems were purchased many years ago, the annual support and maintenance for the two systems combined is approximately £32k

3. Do you have any current plans to implement a digital dictation system(s)? - No-Solution already in place

a. If yes, what are the planned timescales, has a budget been allocated and which procurement route will you use?

- N/A

b. Do you have a corporate or departmental strategy/approach for procuring these systems? - Procurement have no strategy for procuring these systems