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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/015304 - IT - Application/Software Development, Websites

I would like to request the following information:

1. Does your Trust have teams/departments that handle any of the following: Application/Software Development, Websites, Technical innovation? Yes/No, If Yes please name these teams/departments:

- Yes, the IT department has teams that handle application/software development, web site development, and technical innovation.

2. How many members are in these teams/departments? And what roles are the teams/departments made up of?

- There are 5 members of the team covering development and integration roles.

3. What technologies do the teams/departments use? For example: HTML5, C#, SQL, .NET Core 2.0

- The team are full stack developers who work with a range of technologies, including those listed.

4. Are the developments of the teams/departments open source? Yes/No, If Yes, please give any details you may be able to disclose regarding this.

- No.

5. What software methodology do the teams/departments use?

- The team uses an agile software development methodology.

6. Do the teams/departments develop front facing service user websites/apps? Yes/No, If Yes, please give any details you may be able to disclose regarding this.

- Yes, the team has developed a number of front facing applications.

7. Do the teams/departments work with clinical staff to formulate any innovative ideas they may have? Yes/No, If Yes, please give any details you may be able to disclose regarding this.

- Yes, innovative ideas often originate from clinical staff, who work with the development team as part of the design and implementation.

8. Have the teams/departments ever gone for external tenders for healthcare system developments? Yes/No, If Yes, please give any details you may be able to disclose regarding this.

- Yes.

9. Have the teams/departments ever done developments for other trusts/external entities? Yes/No, If Yes, please give any details you may be able to disclose regarding this.

- Yes.

10. Have the teams/departments ever sold a development it has produced commercially? Yes/No, If Yes, please give any details you may be able to disclose regarding this.

- No.

11. Have the teams/departments ever attempted to secure an innovation grant? Yes/No If Yes, please give any details you may be able to disclose regarding this.

- No.

12. Were the teams/departments used during the COVID-19 crisis? Yes/No If Yes, please give any details you may be able to disclose regarding this. If No, why wasn't it used?

- Yes, the team continues to work on multiple projects which support the COVID response.

13. Does your service provide mental health services? Yes/No If Yes, have the teams/departments been involved in developing these digitally/online?

- The Trust offers mental health services through the staff health and well-being department. Aside from promoting the service, the IT team have not been involved in developing these services online.

14. Do the teams/departments feel they have good visibility within the Trust regarding the services they can offer?

Yes/No, please give any details you may be able to disclose regarding this.

- Yes.