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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014853 – Social media policy

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust:

1. Do you have a staff social media policy? - Yes
2. Do you have a policy or guidance on staff use of messaging apps, such as WhatsApp, Siilo, Forward?
- This would be covered in social media policy
3. Does your Trust actively discourage the use of WhatsApp? - No
4. In the past two calendar years, have any staff been formally disciplined for the inappropriate use of messaging apps at work (ie for sharing clinical information) or for using unapproved messaging apps? If yes, how many?
- No
5. Are you aware how many staff use WhatsApp for work-based communication with colleagues? If yes, how many - No not aware
6. Have you recommended or implemented a messaging platform for use across your Trust? If yes, which app or platform do you use? - No