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Date: 23/04/2024

Address / Email:

Dear

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

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

### **Request**

Please could you provide a response to the questions below relating to Allied Health Professionals and Medic Job Planning at your organisation.

### **Response**

**Q1) Which software provider does the Trust use for Allied Health Professionals job planning?**

**Allocate**

**Q2) What was the annual cost for the Trust's current Allied Health Professionals job planning software in 2023 to 2024?**

**Providing cost would reveal commercial in confidence contract pricing arrangements so as per FOI Exemption 43 (2):**

**FOI exemption 43 (2) 'Commercial Interests' : The level of competition currently experienced within the NHS is such that the release of detailed information specifically relating to service level reporting detailing capacity and funding would have a prejudicial impact on the Trust resulting in it being less competitive.**

**Therefore, the Trust wishes to use Freedom of Information exemption section 43 (2) Commercial Interests (where Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).**

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**Q3) What was the annual cost for the Trust's current medics job planning software in 2023 to 2024?**

**Providing cost would reveal commercial in confidence contract pricing arrangements so as per FOI Exemption 43 (2):**

**FOI exemption 43 (2) 'Commercial Interests' : The level of competition currently experienced within the NHS is such that the release of detailed information specifically relating to service**

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**Q4) What is the contractual end date of your current Allied Health Professionals job planning software?**

**31/03/2026**

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

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