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Dear

<u>Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000</u>

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

Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the governance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within your NHS Trust. Please respond to the following questions based on information held by the Trust.

AI Governance Policies and Procedures

1.   Does the Trust have any formal policies, procedures, or frameworks explicitly governing using Artificial Intelligence (AI) within the organisation?
         •   If yes, please provide copies of these documents.

2.   Has the Trust developed any internal guidance, protocols, or decision-making frameworks for assessing and approving AI technologies for use within the organisation?
         •   If yes, please provide copies of these documents.

3.   Does the Trust have a specific governance, ethics, or oversight group responsible for AI implementation and compliance?
         •   If yes, please provide this group's Terms of Reference (ToR).

AI Risk Assessments and Compliance Documentation

4.   Does the Trust's Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) template include specific questions related to AI governance, risk assessment, or compliance?
         •   If yes, please list the relevant questions.

5.   Does the Trust have specific guidance or requirements for completing DPIAs when deploying AI-driven systems?
         •   If yes, please provide copies of relevant guidance documents.

6.   Has the Trust developed any documented processes for assessing and managing risks associated with AI technologies?
         •   If yes, please provide copies of relevant risk management documents.

AI Systems in Use

7.   Please list AI-enabled systems, applications, or tools in the Trust.

- Where possible, include the names of vendors or system providers.

8. Has the Trust deployed AI-based clinical decision support systems, patient monitoring tools, or administrative AI applications (e.g., scheduling, triage, diagnostics, or workforce management)?
   - If yes, please list the systems and their primary functions.

AI Strategy, Digital Maturity, and Future Planning

9. What is the Trust's latest Digital Maturity Index (DMI) score for each domain assessed?

10. Does the Trust have a formal AI strategy or roadmap for future AI adoption and governance?
    - If yes, please provide copies of any relevant documents.

Response

The Trust does not currently use artificial intelligence.

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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