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**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

Request

**Who are we?**

We are undertaking a study looking at documentation of food, drug and non-drug allergies within electronic patient records and any related allergy patient safety incidents in hospital.

**Why are we asking for this information?**

We suspect that that awareness and documentation of food and non-drug allergies in Electronic Patient Records (EPR) are insufficient and pose a risk to patient safety. We are gathering information on how food, drug, and non-drug allergies are documented and managed within electronic patient records (EPR) across different NHS Trusts in the UK. This data will help identify current practices, challenges, and areas where national guidelines could be improved or introduced to improve patient safety and care.

Your information is fundamental in helping us understand the variations in allergy documentation practices across NHS Trusts. By sharing your experiences and insights, you will contribute to potential improvements in allergy management and patient safety on a national level.

Response

For a copy of the response please contact [dgft.foi@nhs.net](mailto:dgft.foi@nhs.net) quoting reference number 0001242

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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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
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