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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Internal assessment and evaluation processes for apps related to FDP rollout

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. a) If the FDP is currently live at your trust, please can you describe the process/methodology by which the trust has internally monitored the roll out of individual apps in terms of effectiveness, potential risks, patient impact/engagement, appropriate data management and cost effectiveness. Please could you specify the types of assessment tools used, and provide copies of them including, but not limited to copies of the following documents: – Data protection impact assessments. – Equality impact assessments. – Information governance committee assessments/reports. – Risk assessments. – Business case.	1. FDP deployment and oversight The Trust has adopted the Federated Data Platform (FDP) in several areas, alongside use of the wider data-platform capability. The FDP products adopted by the Trust are: RTT – June 2025 Cancer 360 – December 2025 Inpatient CSS – February 2026 HDS – August 2025 OPTICA – August 2026 a) Monitoring, assurance and evaluation The Trust has not applied one single, standalone FDP assessment framework to all products. FDP products have been considered and implemented individually, based on the relevant service requirement, intended use case and local governance requirements. Oversight has been provided	No	N/A	N/A

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– Board minutes discussing the Federated Data Platform. – Implementation plan. – Academic research or evaluations b) Please could you also list any working groups or committees which had oversight of, or responsibility for, the roll out and evaluation of FDP apps and what their remits were.	through the Trust's existing digital, information governance, data assurance and clinical safety arrangements. For each product, the local process has included, where applicable: identifying the service requirement, intended use and accountable clinical or operational owner; assessing the data required, proposed data flows and relevant data-processing arrangements; completing or reviewing the relevant Data Protection Impact Assessment and associated information governance documentation; undertaking clinical safety assessment, including identification and management of relevant clinical hazards; considering technical, information governance and data-quality assurance requirements; planning implementation, testing and go-live readiness; managing implementation risks, issues and dependencies; and monitoring use and any issues following deployment through the relevant product and governance groups. Where required, Data Protection Impact Assessments, data-processing arrangements and clinical safety documentation			
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	were completed or reviewed before deployment. These documents are reviewed or updated where there is a material change in scope, data use or product functionality. Effectiveness has been monitored in a proportionate way, according to the type of product and its intended purpose. This has included consideration of product adoption by the intended services, user and service feedback, data quality and completeness, delivery against the intended operational use case, identified benefits such as reduced manual processing or duplication, implementation and operational risks, and any post-deployment issues and actions taken. The FDP products deployed by the Trust are not directly patient-facing applications. Patient impact has therefore been considered through clinical ownership, clinical safety assessment, data protection review and existing service governance arrangements, rather than through direct patient engagement with the products themselves. Where a product supports a patient pathway or operational decision, responsibility for the resulting clinical or operational decisions remains with the relevant Trust service and its staff. Cost-effectiveness has been considered through the anticipated operational benefit, local implementation			
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	requirements, ongoing support requirements and the potential to reduce duplication of systems or manual processes. The Trust has not undertaken a separate formal economic evaluation for each FDP product. As the FDP is a national programme, the Trust has drawn on national product documentation and assurance where appropriate. However, local implementation, local data processing and local use of each product remain subject to the Trust's own governance arrangements. b) Working groups and committees The following groups have had oversight of, or responsibility for, FDP deployment and related assurance activity: Data Assurance Group The Data Assurance Group provides oversight of the Trust's data governance and assurance arrangements. In relation to FDP, its role has included consideration of data use, data quality, information governance requirements, assurance documentation and associated risks. Digital Strategy Group			
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	The Digital Strategy Group provides strategic oversight of the Trust's digital portfolio. In relation to FDP, its role has included consideration of alignment with the Trust's digital and data strategy, prioritisation, implementation progress, dependencies and the wider digital architecture. FDP product steering and implementation groups Product-specific steering and implementation groups have overseen individual FDP product deployments. Their remit has included agreeing the intended use case, coordinating configuration and implementation activity, monitoring risks and issues, confirming readiness for deployment, supporting adoption and reviewing ongoing product development. Operational, clinical, digital, data and information governance representatives have been involved in these arrangements as appropriate to the product and service area concerned.			
2. If your trust is live (has an active local instance of the FDP), but has not deployed any Apps, please can you:	2. Trusts with an active instance but no deployed applications This section is not applicable. The Trust has an active local FDP instance and has deployed FDP products, as described in response to question 1.	No	N/A	N/A

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I) Explain why no apps have been deployed. ii) Are you currently looking at trialling or adopting any FDP apps. lii) If yes to the above, please name each app you are considering and when you are looking at adopting them.				
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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 1231113, email casework@ico.org.uk.

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Yours faithfully

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