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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference:

Collaborative Working and joint working arrangements between SFH and Pharmaceutical Companies

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.

Home, Community, Hospital.

FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
Collaborative working and joint working arrangements entered into by your organisation and companies in the pharmaceutical industry. For clarity, I'm talking about formal arrangements between NHS organisations and one or more pharmaceutical companies, governed by the Department of Health and Social Care's definition: "Situations where, for the benefit of patients, one or more pharmaceutical companies, the NHS and others (e.g. Patient Groups) pool skills, experience and/or resources for the joint development and implementation of patient-centred projects and share a commitment to successful delivery." Transparency is a must for these projects, according to both the government and the Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry. ABPI oversees the implementation of its code of practice, which contains specific instructions for industry when participating in joint working projects. It says: "All Joint Working projects must be underpinned by a formal Joint Working Agreement, an executive summary of which must be made publicly available before the project begins."				
1. A copy of the executive summary of each joint working agreement your trust entered into with a pharmaceutical industry company from 1 April 2019 to 31 August 2025. If your trust has gone through any organisational changes in the intervening period between those two dates, such as being formed from a merger of two or more constituent trusts, please provide all the records that you hold going back as far as you can and please highlight the earliest date they correspond to.	The Trust does not have any formal arrangements with any companies in the pharmaceutical industry.			
2. A copy of the trust's policy on joint working with the pharmaceutical industry.	The Trust does not have a policy on joint working with the pharmaceutical industry			

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/>.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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