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Response Due: 3rd December 2024

Date: 2nd December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 5th November 2024, 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.

In your request you asked:

- 1. Do you keep a record in your medical equipment inventory of which assets hold PID? If so, how many assets are documented as holding PID?**
No, all medical equipment that transfers data, either PID or non-PID are screened via DPIA.
- 2. In your medical equipment inventory, do you note the available communication ports for each asset (e.g., USB, WiFi, Bluetooth, serial, etc.)?**
We record the network details of the equipment that can be communicated or connected to the Trusts networks.
- 3. Do you track the databases and network paths that your medical equipment is connected to within your inventory?**
No.
- 4. Is there a process in place to harden medical equipment prior to its implementation? If yes, does this process include the following measures?**
 - a. Disabling unused communication ports?**
No.
 - b. Changing service passwords?**
Yes, for inhouse maintained equipment.
 - c. Changing system passwords?**
Yes, for inhouse maintained equipment.

d. Changing manufacturer service/admin passwords?

Yes, for inhouse maintained equipment.

e. Setting up password-protected user accounts where appropriate?

Yes, for inhouse maintained equipment.

5. Lastly, how do you manage and monitor the quality of your medical equipment to ensure compliance with safety standards?

The Trust undertake audits on a two-year basis.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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