



# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Date: 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

**It is widely recognised nationally that there are severe shortages of resources across all clinical areas of the NHS, and the government has endorsed the adoption of innovative technology to support front-line clinical staff.**

**Furthermore, we are aware of the government's initiative to drive the adoption of the HIMSS accreditation process, which focuses on digitalising existing paper-based processes across acute healthcare.**

**Your Trust has been identified as an accredited Level 5 HIMSS organisation, and we assume that the Trust has ambitions to reach Level 6. To meet the requirements of Level 6, the Trust needs to adopt medical device integration.**

**Enovacom would be extremely grateful if you could provide us with the following information. Please see the following questions:**

**Q1 – Could you please confirm whether the Trust has achieved HIMSS Level 5 status?**

Yes

**Q2 – Does the Trust have ambitions to reach HIMSS Level 6? If so, do you intend to start any projects in the next 18 months for "medical device integration" to meet Level 6 accreditation?**

No, the Trust does not intend to start any projects over the next 18 months

**Q3 – Have you set a target date to achieve HIMSS Level 6 accreditation?**

No.

**Q4 – Has a budget been assigned for any digital transformation project in the next 18 months aimed at attaining HIMSS Level 6 accreditation?**

No.

**Q5 – Could you please provide the contact details of the executive lead in charge of digital transformation projects?**

Malcolm Gandy CIO.

**Q6 – Please confirm whether the organisation has an existing Electronic Patient Record (EPR). If so, we would like to know which EPR product the Trust currently has, including the provider and product details.**

Altera Sunrise Clinical Manager.

**Q7 – What is the renewal date of the EPR, please?**

30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Q8 – Do you currently have any kind of medical device integration in the hospital? If so, could you let us know which devices are connected to your EPR?**

No.

**Q9 – Are there any plans to adopt technology solutions for any "virtual wards" initiatives and for caring for acute patients in different settings, such as their homes or care homes?**

Virtual Wards technology already in place.

**Q10 – Does the Trust have an electronic patient observation solution, and if so, does the vital sign data automatically transfer to the hospital's main EPR?**

Observation data is keyed in manually to our EPR.

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,



Malcom Gandy  
Chief Information Officer

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