

FOI 0468_2025 Response

Dear FOI Team at Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust,

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the use of Health IT Systems in your organisation.

For the purposes of this FOI, Health IT Systems are defined as “[a] Product used to provide electronic information for health or social care purposes. The product may be hardware, software or a combination.”

Please note that this definition encompasses any hardware or software product used within the organisation. It does not have to be used for a clinical purpose (i.e., it may be clerical) and applies to both non-medical and medical devices (the latter as defined by UKMDR2002).

This definition is taken from the following sources:

- [DCB0129: Clinical Risk Management: its Application in the Manufacture of Health IT Systems - NHS England Digital](#)
- [DCB0160: Clinical Risk Management: its Application in the Deployment and Use of Health IT Systems - NHS England Digital](#)

Clarification: In essence it's any digital product (hardware, software or mixed) used to provide clinical care – whether that's an appointment booking system, patient portal etc.

Examples include:

Electronic patient record system

Patient booking systems

Patient portals

PACS

Insulin pump

Syringe drivers

Radiology equipment such as C-arm's, MRI, CT machines.

Pharmacy robotics

Prescription software

Scheduling software (e.g for clinics, theatre etc...)

Requested Information:

- 1. The total number of Health IT systems currently in use by the organisation.**

There are a total of 32 Systems used by the Trust that would be considered Health IT Systems in terms of DCB 0160, and 31 Systems based on DCB 0129.

There is one system is not considered Health IT by Supplier.

- 2. The number of Health IT systems currently in use by the Trust that have BOTH DCB0129 (from the manufacturer) AND DCB0160 (from the deploying organisation) Clinical Safety Case Reports.**

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- 3. The number of Health IT systems currently in use by the Trust that have a valid DCB0129 Clinical Safety Case Report from the manufacturer ONLY (i.e. have a DCB0129 report but NOT a DCB0160 report).**

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- 4. The number of Health IT systems currently in use by the Trust that have a valid DCB0160 Clinical Safety Case Report from the deploying organisation ONLY (i.e. have a DCB0160 report but NOT a DCB0129 report from the manufacturer).**

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- 5. The total Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) of Clinical Safety Officers who are currently actively working on DCB0129/DCB0160 implementation within the Trust.**

0.5WTE