

FOI 059 2025 Response

Request

Dear FOI Officer,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request information regarding clinical documentation practices, specifically in relation to the capture of information during interventional procedures, such as Central Venous Access Device (CVAD) insertions. Clarification: request is in relation to invasive procedures, so those that require surgery of some kind.

1. Clinical Documentation

- What methods are currently used by clinicians to document key information during invasive procedures, such as CVAD insertions (e.g., paper forms, digital forms, voice dictation, other)?
 - Is any form of structured digital data entry used at the point of care for these procedures?
- Are standardised templates or proformas used Trust-wide for documenting invasive procedures, such as Local Safety Standards for Invasive Procedures (LocSSIPs)?
 - Are any of these LocSSIPs or other forms digitised?

2. Voice Technology

- Does the Trust currently use any voice-to-text or voice recognition technology for clinical documentation (e.g., Dragon Medical One, Nuance, Voice-Care, etc.)?
- If yes, which departments or specialties currently use it, and for which types of documentation?

3. Administrative Efficiency

- Has the Trust undertaken any assessments of the administrative time burden associated with completing procedural documentation (manual or digital)?
 - If so, is any information available on time spent per procedure or efforts to streamline the process?

4. Future Plans

- Is the Trust currently planning any initiatives or procurements to digitise documentation processes for interventional procedures?
 - If yes, please outline the scope and timelines if available.

Response

Please note that Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust explicitly provide mental health services and do not provide physical healthcare like an Acute Trust.

Your request for information is therefore not applicable to the Trust.