

FOI 0147 2025 Response

Request

The University of Liverpool have commissioned a landscape mapping report to help understand the range of XR and healthcare research and products currently being researched, developed and deployed across the UK. This research is being led by the XR Health Alliance, in collaboration with NIHR HRC MindTech at the University of Nottingham. This research will culminate in an interactive online report, designed to help support greater understanding of the UK landscape and act as a tool for the wider sector to benefit from. These findings will go on to support new programmes and collaborations. We wish to request your time to share what work you're undertaking. Thank you for your support and cooperation. If you have any questions, please reach out to info@xrha.org.

Background

Extended Reality (XR) is a broad term encompassing various technologies that blend virtual and real environments. It includes Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), and Mixed Reality (MR) which can be used for many purposes and conditions related to physical and mental health within healthcare. We recognise that increasingly the definition of XR is becoming more fluid - if you are utilising other interactive media within a therapeutic context that you believe sits on the edges of this definition, we invite you to also share those details.

We are aiming to collect information on your organisation's involvement with this technology for healthcare purposes only (physical or mental health uses or conditions) and collect information on specific products being used, researched, made or purchased by your organisation for healthcare purposes. See question 9 for a list of categories of use in this area.

Request

1. Organisation's name

- **Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust**

2. Under the Freedom of Information Act, will you be reporting the use, research, purchase, development, or otherwise of an XR technology within your organisation?

- **No, there are no XR products to report in my organisation**

3. Does your organisation have an established XR Technology Lab or Centre of Excellence for XR Technology?

- **No**

4. Please select the type of organisation that you represent:

- **NHS Mental Health Trust**

5. Please select the nature of your organisation's involvement with XR health products (please select all that are applicable)

- **Not Applicable**

6. Please state the name of the product(s)

- **Not Applicable**

7. Please provide a brief description of the product(s)

- **Not Applicable**

8. Please highlight any unique features of the product(s)

- Not Applicable

9. Please provide a link to the product website(s) if available

- Not Applicable

10. Please select the most relevant categories for the product(s) being developed or deployed:

- Not Applicable

11. Please select how these product(s) are being or will be adopted:

- Not Applicable

12. Please select the level of maturity of the product(s)

- Not Applicable

13. Approximately what date/year was the XR product(s) first deployed within your organisation?

- Not Applicable

14. Where and/or in how many locations is the product(s) currently offered?

- Not Applicable

15. How is the product(s) currently distributed?

- Not Applicable

16. Please select the hardware that is used in your organisation (select all that apply):

- Not Applicable

17. If your organisation is involved in the development of XR products, please select the development software that is used (please select all that apply):

- Not Applicable

18. Please provide details of external organisations such as development partners that are involved

- Not Applicable

19. Please provide any further details

- Not Applicable