

## **FOI 0256/2025 Response**

### **Request**

Dear FOI Team,

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Currently we're integrating with [RDaSH](#), also a mental health trust to achieve the following outcomes:

- Provide a system for the generation and dissemination of discharge notes.
- Provide a 'digital front door' for the Trust to streamline referrals from GPs and other agencies.

This project requires us to plug into the local GP systems and secondary care Trusts. We're doing our homework on how this will look on a national level.

With GPs things are relatively easy as there is already [IM1 in place](#). IM1 Pairing enables third-party systems to integrate with GP clinical systems to read and write patient information.

Plugging into secondary care trusts is a much more difficult endeavour as there is no standardised process in place. We're trying to understand how trusts think about external connections to their clinical systems so that we can design our systems and communications appropriately.

I've attached a presentation - which explains the discharge note project in more detail.

Please provide the following information:

### **Access to Testing Clinical Information Systems**

1. What is the approval process by which an external organisation may apply or request to connect with the trust's **test clinical systems of record**. (e.g. EMR, EHR, PACS)
2. Which internal teams, roles, or committees are responsible for approving such a connection?
3. What steps are involved in obtaining the necessary permissions or agreements to establish such a connection?
4. What is the entry point for this process? e.g. email address or webform.

### **Access to Production Clinical Information Systems**

5. What is the approval process by which an external organisation may apply or request to connect with the trust's **production clinical systems of record**. (e.g. EMR, EHR, PACS)
6. Which internal teams, roles, or committees are responsible for approving such a connection?

7. What steps are involved in obtaining the necessary permissions or agreements to establish such a connection?
8. What is the entry point for this process? e.g. email address or webform.

At this point we're not asking for information regarding the technical specifics of the trust's internal systems. We are only requesting information on the trust's approval and decision making processes.

**Response**

Please note that there is no approval processes for Access to Production Clinical Information Systems and Access to Testing Clinical Information Systems.

We are therefore unable to provide further information.

However should you wish to discuss details or have additional queries please contact the Trust's Chief Clinical Information Officer on the following email address: jamesreed@nhs.net