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## **Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Request/[Response](#):

NHS England has encouraged all NHS Hospitals to adopt a paperless electronic medical record (EMR) system by 2018.

We submit the following questions as a freedom of information request:

Have you had any input, formal coordinating role or informal coordinating role with regards to EMR purchasing and/or use in primary care?

[All clinical systems within GP practices/primary care are purchased from within the National GPSOC framework and all GP practices within the CCG area have a GPSOC framework compliant system. The CCG complies with its mandated commissioning role within this GPSOC framework.](#)

Have you had any input, formal coordinating role or informal coordinating role with regards to EMR purchasing and/or use in acute hospital trusts?

[No. Each hospital Trust has a separate IT and EHR strategy and will undertake their own systems procurement as and when their strategy or systems require. It is expected that any procured systems will conform to local IMT and informatics strategies.](#)

Do you hold any information about any EMR franchising or coordination arrangements in your geographical area, even if you did not have any input or coordinating role?

All systems within primary care are purchased by GP practices within the GPSOC framework and each separate Trust make their own arrangements within full procurement processes.

Do you hold records of whether primary care centres in your commissioning area are able to franchise EMR to other primary care centres?

All Primary Care centres within the CCG area adhere to the National GPSOC framework and they will all have a CCG Practice Agreement in place. This means that the purchase of primary care systems will be done by agreement between the CCG and each individual GP practice as part of the GPSOC framework.

Do you hold records of whether acute hospital trusts in your commissioning area are able to franchise EMR to other trusts?

No.

Is there functional interoperability (i.e. the ability to transfer of information between EMRs) between two acute trusts within your commissioning area?

Not at present but all Trusts undertake their own digital maturity assessment which includes the future potential and current readiness to interoperate with other clinical systems.

Is there functional interoperability (i.e. the ability to transfer of information between EMRs) between a primary care organization and an acute hospital trust in your commissioning area?

Not full interoperability at present. There is the facility to enable a view of shared data to be presented to local acute hospital trusts via an appropriate data sharing agreement.