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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding ICT / Informatics application infrastructure services within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/Response:

1. Are you currently using any cloud services from a public cloud vendor such as Amazon, Microsoft etc?

No

2. What services are you using?

None

3. Who is responsible for maintaining these relationships?

Not applicable

4. If not, have you plans to begin using any such services in the next 3 years?

No plans yet

5. Would you consider utilising Infrastructure as a Service(IaaS) in the future as a means to reduce costs and simplify IT?

NHS South Sefton CCG would have to review this as an option but it is not currently being explored.

6. If not, why not?

IaaS is not suitable for the major clinical application that our clients use. Another partner has been using IaaS for a number of years and have experienced difficulty with application performance and latency.

Chair: Dr Andrew Mimmagh  
Chief Officer: Fiona Taylor

7. Who is responsible for setting your annual ICT/Informatics budget/s?

Annual IT/ICT budgets are largely set Nationally via NHSE and several bidding streams are available (GPIT and ETTF) through which additional funds can be sought.