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Dear Sir/ Madam

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Further to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding IM&T Strategy, please see below our response to your request.

Request/ Response:

- Please supply a copy of the CCG's latest IT/IM&T/Digital Strategy? The CCG do not have a standalone strategy but work towards the Cheshire and Mersey Strategy. A link to the document is below <https://www.cheshireandmerseysidepartnership.co.uk/news-and-publications/publications/24-digit-ii-strategy-compressed/file>
- Does the CCG work within a shared services agreement with surrounding Trusts or CCGs? The CCG buys its IT services from St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals Trust (HIS). This is a collaborative partnership that covers local CCGs and providers.
- Does the CCG outsource any of their IT Infrastructure services? See above – all IT services are provided by St Helens and Knowsley HIS.
- Who is the CCG's current Chief Clinical Information Officer? The CCG does not have a Clinical Information Officer. The Chief Nurse is the Caldicott Guardian, the CFO is the SIRO and the Associate Director of Governance is the Data Protection Officer.
- Who is the CCG's current CIO/ IT Director? The responsibility for IT sits with the Chief Finance Officer
- Which member of the board is responsible for IT? As above.
- Please provide an organisation chart for your IM&T department? The CCG buy in services for IM&T as noted above, therefore do not have an internal IMT department.
- Which member of the CCG is the SRO for the STP engagements? This question is answered assuming that it relates to IT engagements. There is no specific IT SRO within the CCG but the CFO is the lead IT Director who would engage with the STP in terms of STP wide schemes. In addition, STHK HIS are also actively involved in STP engagements and are also represented at the Cheshire and Mersey IT programme meetings on behalf of the partners in the HIS.

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- What proportion of the CCG IM&T Department is made up of interim staff and permanent staff? [As noted above, the CCG buy in services from STHK His therefore do not have IMT staff.](#)
- Is the CCG looking to migrate to the cloud in the next 2 years? [The CCG will be working towards the digital strategy attached in the link above.](#)
- Are the Trust considering their options of outsourcing their IT Services in the next 3 years? [Services are already bought in from STHK HIS.](#)

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review process is available, which will be managed by a FOI Appeals Officer.

This can be formally requested and must be done within a reasonable period of time (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the response to a request for information that falls within the Environmental Information Regulations, you should make a representation for a review to FOI Appeals Officer, sthelensccg.foi@nhs.net within 40 days of receipt of the response.

If you are not satisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at;

ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely,



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