

FOI Request Response information

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Request Detail:

Info re use of mobile devices

I am looking into how the use of mobile applications for inputting and documenting patient's vital signs can assist in early intervention and prevention of clinical deterioration.

I understand that you use hand held devices within your trust and would appreciate answers to my following questions:

1. Has the trust found the applications beneficial?
2. Are the mobile observation applications used throughout the hospital? If not, which areas are the devices used in?
3. Does your hospital use the National Early Warning Score (NEWS) system or your own trust wide Early Warning Score (EWS)?
4. Do nurses find that the application supports their decision-making skills?
5. What is the response from patients when clinicians use the device in front of them?
6. How did the clinicians initially respond to the use of hand held devices for documenting?
7. Did the hospital encounter any resistance from any stakeholders? If so, please expand.
8. Have you got any hospital statistics since the devices were used? Such as changes in readmission rates, length of stay, avoidable death rates.
9. How much have the mobile devices cost the hospital?
10. How much have the applications cost the hospital?
11. Which company delivers the mobile systems?
12. Which companies participated in tender?

13. Is the hospital paperless? If not, do you have any near future plans for this?

Response Detail:

In discussion with colleagues we think this FOI is more related to an Acute Trust and their use of mobile technology in the monitoring of Patients Vital Signs.

This Trust is predominantly an Mental Health Trust with inpatient facilities and community services so we not believe that the questions are relevant to how we use mobile technology.

The Trust has implemented Nerve Centre at the Harbour site, but for task allocation and links to Nurse Response the Trust is not using it for Vital Signs Monitoring.