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Dear Requester,

**FOI 1029**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.  
Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

This is a Freedom of Information Request related to Electronic Healthcare Records in your Trust.

**Regarding Electronic Health Records (EHR):**

1. What primary EHR system does your Trust use, if any?  
**Evolve, Medviewer, Nervecentre and Clinical Portal**
2. Are electronic inpatient notes implemented in all sites within your Trust? If no, please state which sites do **not** have electronic notes.  
**Fertility and Mental Health notes.**
3. Is electronic recording of patient vital signs (i.e. including but not limited to blood pressure, oxygen saturations, etc) implemented in all sites within your Trust? If no, please state which sites do **not** have electronic observation recording.  
**This is done by another system called Nervecentre at Luton. This system is to be implemented at Bedford too.**
4. Are electronic drug charts and prescribing implemented in all sites within your Trust? If no, please state which sites do **not** have electronic prescribing.  
**This is a mixture across both sites.**

**Regarding EHR commissioning:**

1. Have you received any direction from a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) or Integrated Care System (ICS) regarding provision of past, present or future EHR systems?  
**Yes**
2. Have you ever undertaken any formal negotiations with other hospital Trusts about jointly procuring an EHR system, and if so, have negotiations resulted in joint procurement of an EHR system?  
**No**

## Regarding EHR interoperability:

1. Assuming your Trust contains multiple hospital sites, are your EHR users able to directly access inpatient electronic notes from different hospital sites within your Trust?

They will be able to soon.

2. Aside from NHS spine summary care records (SCR), are your EHR users able to directly access patient records held by local **primary care** EHRs (e.g. by using an EHR web portal, or healthcare information exchange etc)? If yes, please specify the name of the system that enables this.

GP Connect

3. Aside from NHS spine summary care records (SCR), are your EHR users able to directly access patient records held on a **separate hospital Trust's** EHR? If yes, please specify which Trust's EHR where this interoperability is enabled.

Not yet developed.

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Yours sincerely,

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