FOI 2526

Date 04/09/2023

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

Please could you kindly assist by answering the following questions regarding your Trusts use of RPA (Robotic Process Automation).

Process Robotic Automation is a productivity tool that can mimic, emulate and automate repetitive, high -volume, labour intensive processes including data entry, data extraction and assigning data to/from different applications.

1. Does your trust currently used RPA (Robotic Process Automation)? No
2. Which departments within your trust currently use RPA  (Robotic Process Automation)? N/A
3. Who supplies your licensing for Robotic Process Automation? N/A
4. How many bots have your purchased and over what period? N/A
5. Who provides the professional development? Is this in house or an external provider and if so, who? N/A
6. What is your total yearly budget spend on RPA in FYE 21/22? N/A
7. What is your predicted spend on RPA for FYE 22/23? N/A
8. Which departments have been identified for RPA projects? N/A
9. Is the trust intending to expand the use of RPA? N/A

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 Yours sincerely,

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