

Your Request:

1) Is there a 'computer/IT' system in place that connects a Local ICB Place (previously known as Knowsley Clinical Care Commission Group) directly to patients records at (specifically) Whiston Hospital (St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust)

Our Response:

1) No.

Your Request:

2) If such computer system is in place, what are the restrictions on its use for Local Place ICB (formally Knowsley CCG) staff to access any patient of Whiston Hospital (St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust) medical records without prior knowledge or any form of legal consent in place please?

3) Or if such a system is being used to allow ICB staff (formally Knowsley Clinical Care Commission Group) to access patient records, is this computer system set up to be accessed by any staff member of ICB Local Place (again formally known as NHS Clinic Care Commission Group) or are only specific staff allowed to access a patients medical records from within Knowsley ICB Local Place.

4) If such an NHS computer system mentioned above does exist, can you please provide the legal framework used to ensure it is not in breach of the Data Protection Act 2018.

Our Response:

2 – 4) Not applicable.

Your Request:

5) Whilst providing this information please can you include what the public should do to in cases of breaches of The Data Protection Act 2018 either by accident, data mishandling, misuse, abuse of this system.

Our Response:

5) In the first instance, any concerns about breaches of The Data Protection Act 2018 relating to NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB can be raised to our Data Protection Officer, via email at: mlcsu.dpo@nhs.net. If a person is not satisfied with the response, then they have the right to contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) www.ico.gov.uk.

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6) Please can you provide dates for when (or obviously if) this IT system between the NHS and Local Place ICB boroughs became live.

Our Response:

6) Not applicable.

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7) If no such NHS system directly connecting Knowsley Local Place ICB Borough with Whiston Hospital (St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust) directly exists can you please confirm this?

Our Response:

7) As previously advised in response to Question 1, no such system exists.

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8) Can you please confirm (if such operation system of IT or Computer system exists), does this NHS and ICB linked computer system still require the user at either end (ICB Local Place and Whiston Hospital Trust) to gain lawful consent from a patient to access or release a persons medical data?

9) Or does this NHS and ICB computer system (if it exists) negate a persons right to grant or withhold lawful consent under the Data Protection Act 2018.

Our Response:

8 - 9) Not applicable.