



**Northern, Eastern and Western Devon
Clinical Commissioning Group**

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Dear,

Re: Request for information under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received on Wednesday 7 December 2016

The CCG is confirming in accordance with Section - (1) (a) of the Act, it holds the information requested and (b) is supplying it unless otherwise specified.

You requested the following information.

- 1. What IT systems are currently in place or being developed to allow individual patient medical information for residents of care and nursing homes in Plymouth to be shared electronically with supporting GP Practices/District Nurses to provide better coordinated care?**

At present there are no IT systems in place to allow individual patient medical information for residents of care and nursing homes in Plymouth to be shared electronically with supporting GP Practices / District Nurses. There are also no IT systems in place across Plymouth to allow medical records kept by care or nursing homes to be shared electronically with acute trusts.

- 2. If a resident of a care or nursing home is admitted to an acute setting, currently can medical records kept by the care or nursing home be shared electronically with the acute trust? If not are there plans to develop such a system?**

The whole area of sharing information for better patient care is the topic of the Peninsula Local Digital Roadmap. This is a programme working across both health and social care organisations across Devon and Cornwall to improve, among other things, the sharing of relevant patient / individual information between organisations to improve care. The programme is currently developing several projects that will improve the sharing of information between GPs, acute trusts, mental health, social care and care or residential homes. It is also looking into the ways people from these different organisations can better communicate electronically – for example by extending secure email systems commonly used in health out to care and residential homes.

Satisfaction

I trust this matter has been dealt with to your satisfaction but if there is anything which you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 01392 205205 or by email at d-ccg.foi@nhs.net Please remember to quote the reference number at the top of this letter in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you can write to the office and arrangements will be made for an independent review. You of course can write directly to the CCGs Chief Officer if you prefer using the “contact us” details displayed on the CCG website.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the appeal, you have the right to appeal again to the Information Commissioner at:
Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510

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Yours sincerely,

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