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Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 023-1819

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about digital solutions. Please find the Trust's response below.

1. What is the name of your CCG/Trust/Health board? **2Gether NHS FT**

2. How many of the people in your community are diagnosed with diabetes? (Please indicate numerical value): **N/A. We are a Mental Health Trust.**

· Type 1 Diabetes:

· Type 2 Diabetes:

If unknown differentiation, please indicate total amount:

3. What role does your CCG/Trust/Health board play in the reimbursement process for digital solutions?

N/A to this Trust.

3.1 If you are not the direct decision maker of reimbursement, can your CCG/Trust/Health board still pay for medical products to give access to patients?

N/A to this Trust.

4. Who affects the decision-making process of reimbursement decisions for digital health solutions in the UK? Please specify what power they hold in the process. (If more than one, please rank them by influence, 1 being the most influential).

The Trust does not hold this information

4.1. How would you describe the interest of the stakeholders you identified above? (e.g. cost reduction, care improvement,...)?

N/A

5. What criteria are most important for your CCG/Trust/Health board when commissioning digital solutions (e.g. cost, newness, effectiveness)? Please rank the criteria, 1 being the most important.

- **We are most interested in whether a product will enable patient care, either directly or by releasing time to care**
- **We are interested in digital solutions that improve the quality of care**
- **We are interested in digital solutions that enable the joining up of care with other providers**

6. Are you interested in partnerships with pharmaceutical companies? If yes, please what you are seeking from such partnerships.

The Trust does not hold this information.

7. How does your CCG/Trust/Health board evaluate whether to commission a product for diabetes care?

N/A to this Trust.

8. Does your CCG/Trust/Health board have a policy on the use of health apps?

We do not have a policy but we do attempt to use technology innovation wherever they enable patient care.

If yes, please specify the health policy(ies):

If no, please provide if and when this will be established:

The Trust does not hold this information

9. Does your CCG/Trust/Health board currently have a budget to use for health apps?

Yes

If no, please provide if and when this will be established:

Should you have any queries in relation to our response in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request and wish to ask us to review our response, you should write to:-

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Yours sincerely,

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