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Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about messaging apps. Please find our response below.

1. Do you have a staff social media policy? **Yes**
2. Do you have a policy or guidance on staff use of messaging apps, such as WhatsApp, Siilo, Forward? **Yes**
3. Does your Trust actively discourage the use of WhatsApp? **No**
4. Have any staff been formally disciplined for the inappropriate use of messaging apps at work (ie for sharing clinical information) or for using unapproved messaging apps? If yes, how many? **3 Staff disciplined in last 5 years for inappropriate use of social media**
5. Are you aware how many staff use WhatsApp for work-based communication with colleagues? If yes, how many? **The Trust does not hold this information.**
6. Have you recommended or implemented a messaging platform for use across your Trust? If yes, which app or platform do you use? **No**

Yours sincerely,

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