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## **Re: Freedom of Information Request – Artificial Intelligence**

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

### **You Asked for:**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be grateful if you could answer the questions below. The information is being collated in support of an academic research paper which seeks to determine the extent to which the NHS in England utilises automation in managing supply chain Inventory.

The definition of automation includes robotics and artificial intelligence. Inventory may be defined as the stock of items stored by an organisation for the meeting of customer's needs (medical and non-medical).

1. Is artificial intelligence or robotics used anywhere within the Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG's) supply chain, if so where?
2. If you answered 'Yes' to question 1, what inventory management / automation system is deployed? please provide the name of the developer or software.
3. Where is inventory stored?
4. How is unwanted inventory disposed of?
5. Were any lessons learnt on improving inventory management as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic or Brexit?
6. Please provide links to where data on the CCG's inventory usage can be found?

### **Our Response:**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not maintain any inventories for the purpose identified so unfortunately, we are unable to provide a response for this request.

We hope this information is useful, however, if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team, (contact details at the top of this letter).

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