

Ref FOI17 524  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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Please find below/attached the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's response to your request.

**As part of the Freedom of Information process, please provide the following information in electronic format regarding the use and funding of health apps for the Isle Of Wight NHS Trust.**

**1) Does your Trust have a policy on the use of health apps?**

RESPONSE: No

**2) If yes, please provide the policy (or policies) and contact details.**

RESPONSE: N/A

**3) Do you currently have specific budgets for the use of health apps within your Trust?**

RESPONSE: No

**4) If yes, please provide a contact for any budgets related to the use of health apps.**

RESPONSE: N/A

**5) Are there individual health apps specified for patient use? Please provide a list of these.**

RESPONSE: No

**6) If yes, please specify which of these health apps is paid for by the Trust.**

RESPONSE: N/A

**7) Please specify who is responsible for the funding of each app that is paid for by the Trust and provide contact details?**

RESPONSE: N/A

You may provide the answers to question 5, 6, and 7 in an excel sheet.

**Definition “health app”:** A health app is an application optimised for smartphone or tablet use which delivers an intervention to the patient, including but not limited to: Education, coaching, peer to peer support, Health Care Professional support, collection of health data such as blood glucose values, heart rate, pulse, weight etc., and assistance in managing a health condition such as COPD. The app can be part of a wider service offered to the Trust (for example myCOPD). Any software that solely relies upon desktop systems or is fully web browser based are excluded.

**Definition “specified for patient use”:** Made available to the patient by prescription, referral or recommendation by either a healthcare professional or through a Trust run programme such as the Trust website or an initiative.

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust came into existence on 1 April 2012 and does not hold information prior to this date. If you require information prior to this date, please contact the Department of Health.

Please note that this response does not constitute consent for direct marketing.

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust serves a resident population of 140,000 with a substantial influx of tourists during the summer months. The Trust provides acute, ambulance, community, maternity, mental health services on the Isle of Wight. As the only fully integrated service provider in England with this unique range of services comparisons with other service providers are not always straightforward.

A log of this request will be held on a database by the Trust. All hard copy correspondence relating to this request will be held for one year from the date of this letter, before being confidentially destroyed. A copy of this response will be published on the Trust website.

If you are unhappy about the response you have received, you should write and request the Trust to undertake an internal review of your application. A senior member of staff, not previously involved with your request for information, will undertake this review. If you remain dissatisfied with the response received you may complain to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House

Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

**Freedom of Information Team**