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I am responding to your request for information received 13th November 2024. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Tel: 0303 123 1113
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Request: **Freedom of Information Request on Allergy Recording in Electronic Patient Records**

We suspect that that awareness and documentation of food and non-drug allergies in Electronic Patient Records (EPR) are insufficient and pose a risk to patient safety. We are gathering information on how food, drug, and non-drug allergies are documented and managed within electronic patient records (EPR) across different NHS Trusts in the UK. This data will help identify current practices, challenges, and areas where national guidelines could be improved or introduced to improve patient safety and care.

Your information is fundamental in helping us understand the variations in allergy documentation practices across NHS Trusts. By sharing your experiences and insights, you will contribute to potential improvements in allergy management and patient safety on a national level.

Who can take part?

The survey link was distributed through the FOI email address to all NHS Trust Foundations and Health Boards. The selection of participants will be determined by the FOI inbox manager, with the ideal participant being someone who has access to the incident reporting portal.

Answer: **Please see Appendix 1 attached.**



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