Freedom of Information Request

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*Note to Applicant: As of 1 April 2017, North Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (NEP) and South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT) merged to form one new organisation known as Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT).

Information Requested:

Please provide all of results of the Digital Maturity Assessment (hereafter DMA) for your trust, which you should be able to access through the DMA portal. Each measure is represented as a score out of 100. Where possible, please also include this figures for the last (2016) digital maturity assessment. This will include, but may not be limited to:

- The overall digital “readiness” of the trust
- The overall digital “capability” of the trust
- The overall digital “infrastructure” of the trust
- Records, Assessment, & Plans
- Orders & results management
- Transfer of care
- Medicines Optimisation
- Decision Support
- Remote & Assistive Care
- Asset & Resource Optimisation
- Business & Clinical Intelligence
- Standards
- Enabling Infrastructure

Response:

The information requested is exempt under Sections 21 & 22 of the Freedom of Information Act. For further information on these exemptions please see the bottom of the page. The information requested can be found at the following links:

- The summary of the results of the Digital Maturity Self-Assessments completed across the country in 2016 are displayed on MyNHS. The 2017 data will be posted in due course by the NHS.
- Raw data can also be downloaded from the NHS England Data Catalogue.

The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the NHS website linked above and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (information accessible to applicant by other means):
Section 21: Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority’s publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

The Trust can confirm that the information requested for the 2017 year will be published in the future on the aforementioned NHS website.

Section 22: Information intended for future publication.

(1) Information is exempt information if—

(a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),

(b) the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and

(c) it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a).

(2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) which falls within subsection (1).