

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Please could you kindly assist by answering the following questions regarding your Trusts use of RPA (Robotic Process Automation) under the freedom of information act?

Process Robotic Automation is a productivity tool that can mimic, emulate and automate repetitive, high -volume, labour intensive processes including data entry, data extraction and assigning data to/from different applications.

1. Does your trust currently used RPA (Robotic Process Automation)

Yes – Microsoft Power Automate.

2. Which departments within your trust currently use RPA (Robotic Process Automation?)

Community teams to support automation of data flow between EPR units and to support automated data input into EPR's.

3. Who supplies your licensing for Robotic Process Automation?

Trustmarque.

4. How many bots have your purchased and over what period?

10 – 1 year.

5. Who provides the professional development? Is this in house or an external provider and if so, who?

External – Digpacks.

6. What is your total yearly budget spend on RPA in FYE 21/22

None.

7. What is your predicted spend on RPA for FYE 22/23

None – but in 23/24 - spend was ~100k.

8. Which departments have been identified for RPA PROJECTS?

Community physical health teams.

9. Is the trust intending to expand the use of RPA?

Yes.

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