

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

Freedom of Information Request: Data Storage and IT Infrastructure

I am writing to make a Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, for information regarding the IT infrastructure and data storage systems used by EPUNFT. Please provide the following details:

1. What data storage vendors do you currently use for your primary storage?

Dell

2. How large in Terabytes is your primary storage? (>50TB, 50-200TB, 200-500TB, 500-1PB, 1PB<?)

200-500TB

3. How many physical servers do you have?

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4. Do you use containerized applications anywhere within your IT infrastructure?

No

5. Do you use Kubernetes anywhere within your IT infrastructure?

No

6. Who do you use for your infrastructure and backup storage software?

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7. How large is your backup storage in Terabytes?

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8. What data do you use your backup storage for?

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9. When is your backup storage due for refresh?

2027

10. Do you use the public Cloud (AWS/Microsoft Azure/Google Cloud)?

Yes

11. If you use Public Cloud, what applications are you using it for?

Azure Synapse Analytics (DataPlatform)

12. How large in terabytes is your public cloud estate?

Approx 38GB

13. Do you use Azure VMware Solution?

No

14. When is the renewal date for your Electronic Patient/Medical Record?

Please see responses to question 16.

15. What is the renewal date for your PACS/Medical Imaging contract?

N/A – EPUT does not own a PACS/Medical imaging solution.

16. Who is your current EPR/EMR provider (when is the contract end date)?

System Type /Name – EPR’s	Supplier Name	Date Installed	Contract Expiration	Contract Annually renewed
Mobius	Fortrus	April rolling contract	April	No
Paris	Civica	01/04/2017	31/03/2024	No
Excelicare	AxSys Technology Ltd	01/02/2019	31/01/2025	No
SystmOne	TPP	07/06/2016	Rolling	No
Iaptus	Mayden	01/10/2018	30/09/2025	No
EMIS	Egton Medical Services	03/08/2021	02/08/2024	Yes

17. Who is your current PACS/Medical imaging provider?

N/A – EPUT does not own a PACS/Medical imaging solution.

18. When is your primary data storage due for a refresh/review?

2027

19. Which VAR (value-added resellers) do you purchase IT infrastructure through? (E.g., CDW/Softcat/MTI/Telefonica Tech, etc.)

No dedicated suppliers. Suppliers are chosen by way of tenders or quotes via framework.

20. Which frameworks does your procurement use?

We would use the frameworks approved by NHSE - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-commercial/central-commercial-function-ccf/procurement-framework-strategy-recommendations/#recommended-routes-to-market>

21. Does the Estates department have a budget to purchase medical devices and IT separate to central IT for CCTV?

The Estates department does not have a separate budget to purchase CCTV systems. Any funding is obtained via a capital bid through the Trust governance groups, if agreed, a market tender process is undertaken and completed via a capital project.

22. What is the annual budget for Estates/Facilities?

The annual budget for Estates & Facilities is c. £33.3 million (based on Month 10 year-to-date, January 2024).

23. What % of the estates budget is associated with IT systems for the management and running of the building and trust facilities (e.g., CCTV systems)?

We have a contract with Minerva who maintain and manage our systems.  
The maintenance of the CCTV is £13,355 per annum, this is the cost of the maintenance contract. The percentage of CCTV maintenance cost of the Estates budget is 0.04%.

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