

Date: **6 September 2019**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5399**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your requests for information below:

Your Request

I'm emailing in regards to the potential RFID systems within the hospitals.

- *Do the hospitals have RFID tagged devices within them and which hospitals if so?*
- *Are these tags passive or active?*
- *Which department are these tags within?*
- *Who supplies these tags to you?*

Our Request for Clarification

The Trust asked you to clarify whether your use of the term RFID specifically means 'Radio Frequency Identification' or whether RFID related to another meaning?

Your Response to Our Request for Clarification

You confirmed that RFID stands for Radio Frequency Identification and is used to track medical devices and hospital beds.

Our Response

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') is a single site, specialist tertiary paediatric trust. The Trust previously had full active RFID asset tracking up until the WiFi change last year, which does not currently work since the change of WiFi vendor. We have therefore responded (in bold) to your request on the basis, if the existing system was to be re-implemented:

- *Do the hospitals have RFID tagged devices within them and which hospitals if so? **Yes - GOSH main site, including all other buildings on Great Ormond Street and Queens Square locations***
- *Are these tags passive or active? **Active***
- *Which department are these tags within? **We do not collate or centrally record this level of information; but If you mean where***

the tags are used, it would be Trust –wide and RFID would be managed by our Biomedical Engineering.

- *Who supplies these tags to you?* **Stanley Healthcare**

Please note:

The information provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date your request was received by the Trust.

We trust the information provided is sufficient and helped to answer any issues, concerns or questions. Should you have any further queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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