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Our Ref: TSD10535

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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Request for Information**

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below:

**Please provide the following information regarding the Trust's position, plans, and activities relating to Palantir Technologies and the NHS Federated Data Platform (FDP):**

### **1. Adoption and Use**

**a. Has Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust adopted, implemented, or trialled the Federated Data Platform (FDP) provided by Palantir Technologies?**

We use the FDP for a small number of national submissions where NHS England requires us to do so. We have not connected our systems to the platform to send data automatically and continuously and we have no current plans to do so.

**b. If yes, please provide the date of adoption, the scope of deployment, and the departments or services involved.**

Not applicable

**c. If no, please confirm whether the Trust has formally declined, delayed, or is still evaluating adoption.**

The adoption of Federated Data Platform (FDP) products and tenant has not been a strategic priority for the Trust. However, their use will be implemented where required to meet statutory duties, including mandatory data submissions being moved to the National Data Submission Portal (NDSP). It is anticipated that the mandated National Cost Collection 2026/27 will be required to be submitted via the FDP in 2027, which will require a Trust Tenant to be established.

## 2. Contracts and Agreements

Please provide copies of any of the following (redacted where necessary):

- a. **Contracts, Data Processing Agreements, Memoranda of Understanding, or Service Level Agreements between the Trust and Palantir Technologies (or NHS England on the Trust's behalf).**

Not applicable

- b. **Any Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs) relating to FDP or Palantir systems.** c. **Any internal or external risk assessments, privacy assessments, or security assessments relating to FDP.**

Not applicable

## 3. Access and Data Handling

- a. **Has any Palantir staff member been granted access to Trust systems, NHS email accounts, or patient data environments?**

No

- b. **If yes, please provide the number of individuals, their roles, and the level of access granted.**

Not applicable

- c. **Please provide any internal policies or guidance documents governing third party access in relation to FDP.**

Not applicable

## 4. Communications and Guidance

Please provide:

- a. **Any internal communications, briefings, or presentations to Trust staff regarding FDP or Palantir.**

Not applicable

**Any correspondence between the Trust and NHS England relating to FDP adoption, expectations, or compliance.**

We do not hold any correspondence between The Trust and NHS England relating to FDP adoption, expectations or compliance, however NHS England sees the FDP as an important part of its wider digital strategy and believes it can help NHS organisations make better use of data to support areas such as waiting list management, patient flow, theatre utilisation, discharge planning and operational performance.

NHS England's current planning guidance includes an expectation that NHS organisations will increasingly adopt FDP products and capabilities over the coming years.

Questions are often raised about what information is held on the platform and who can access it. NHS England's position is that NHS organisations remain the data controllers for their own information and determine how that information is used. NHS England has also stated that suppliers cannot access, use or share NHS data for their own purposes other than under NHS instruction, and that existing legal, data protection and information governance requirements continue to apply.

There has also been public debate about NHS England's decision to award the FDP contract to a consortium led by Palantir. Some of that debate relates to data sharing and public confidence in the use of health information, while some relates to Palantir itself, including the company's previous work particularly with military and defence and broader questions about the role of large technology companies in public services.

NHS England's position is that the contract was awarded following a national procurement exercise and that the controls governing access to and use of NHS data apply regardless of the technology supplier involved. NHS England has also stated that NHS organisations retain control of their own information and that suppliers cannot use NHS data for their own purposes.

There are a range of Frequently Asked Questions about the NHS Federated Data Platform and Palantir on the NHS England website: [NHS England » Frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#)

**Any communications with patient groups, unions, or public bodies regarding FDP.**

The Trust is not aware of any communications with patient groups or public bodies regarding the FDP.

## 5. Costs

- a. Please provide any costs incurred by the Trust to date relating to FDP implementation, evaluation, or integration.**

None

- b. Please confirm whether the Trust expects to incur future costs and provide any available estimates.**

No

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team