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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2019/0263

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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I note with interest this article:

<https://www.sensynehealth.com/news/sensyne-health-and-wye-valley-nhs-trust-sign-strategic-research-agreement>

I am interested in the exact nature of the data that you are providing to, or planning to provide to, Sensyne Health, and in particular the validity of assertions that this will be "fully anonymised data", and so out with the GDPR/DPA 2018.

Could you kindly tell me:

- Does the data transferred to Sensyne contain individual rows or lines of data, each row pertaining to one individual?
- Are any/all related sequences of medical events in the data linked together in any way? If so, how?
- Are any/all of the individual events or episodes in the data dated?
- The names/descriptions of all fields of data shared
- Is the data just "coded data" (READ or SNOMED), or does it include free text

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The agreement between Wye Valley NHS Trust and Sensyne is still awaiting permission to proceed from NHSI. (Sensyne do, however, already have strategic research and data processing agreements with three other NHS Foundation Trusts.)

Consequently, no information has currently been provided by the Trust to Sensyne.

When the agreement is concluded, anonymised data will be provided in accordance with NHS and legal requirements. It will be the responsibility of the Trust to decide if it wishes to take part in particular projects being run by Sensyne.

If you have queries or any concerns contact details are given at the top of the letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Glen Burley, Chief Executive

Russell Hardy, Chairman

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Wye Valley NHS Trust
Monkmoor Court
31-34 Commercial Road
Hereford
HR1 2DX
Email: freedom.information@wvt.nhs.uk

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 745 www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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