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Subject: Smartphone/ tablet Apps

REQUEST

1. Does your trust encourage the use of medical smartphone/tablet computer applications ('apps') by staff in the clinical environment? Please provide details of trust policies on this subject.
2. Please state whether apps, for use on smartphones or tablet computers, have been developed within your trust, for clinical use within and/or outside your trust? If so, please provide details of these apps and the testing/approval process they underwent.
3. Please provide documents related to your trust's governance policy related to use of medical apps in the clinical environment. If there is a regulatory or approval framework in place, please provide details. If no regulatory or approval framework exists, is one being considered? What criteria are clinical apps assessed against before their use is permitted within your trust?
4. Within the last five years, have there been any significant/serious clinical events in your trust (or your predecessor trusts) where the use of medical apps have been implicated? If so, please break down the incidence by year and state the name of the app concerned in each case.
5. Please provide strategy documents related to app development within your organisation, if these exist.

RESPONSE

1. There is no specific policy on the use of apps in the Trust
2. Two apps have been developed by the Trust, one for general use by doctors (Mersey Burns) and one solely for us in the Trust (Mersey Micro).

Both have been registered with MHRA as Medical Devices and conform accordingly. Detailed studies have been undertaken on Mersey Burns (in press), and Mersey Micro is being assessed as part of a PhD Project.

Both Apps have been approved by the Medical Devices and Quality Committees in the Trust.

3. There is no policy regarding the use of apps in the clinical environment. Any medical device in the Trust must be signed off by the Medical Devices Committee before use.
4. No
- 5 Not applicable.