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Subject: robotics and artificial intelligence

Q1 Is artificial intelligence or robotics used anywhere within the hospital, if so where?

A1 Yes, it is used to predict activity volumes, appointment attendance and look at themes in data using Natural Language Processing (NLP)

Q2 Inventory Management: Is artificial intelligence/ automation used within the hospital's inventory management system?

A2 No

Q3 If you answered 'Yes' to question 2, what inventory management / automation system is deployed ? please provide the name of the developer or software.
(Please jump to question 6 if you did not answer 'Yes 'to question 2)

A3 Information not held - not applicable

Q4 To what extent did automation help during the early stages of the Covid 19 pandemic (Jan 2020- Dec 2020)
Extremely useful
Very useful
Somewhat useful
Not so useful
Not at all useful
Not applicable
Please provide more detail here:

A4 This is not a valid request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, this asks for option rather than information held by the Trust, we have however chosen to respond as below:-

Extremely useful

Q5 To what extent did automation help during the Brexit transition period
Extremely useful
Very useful
Somewhat useful
Not so useful
Not at all useful
Not applicable
Please provide more detail

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as below:-

Not applicable

Q6 Were any lessons learnt on improving inventory management as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic or Brexit?

A6 Yes we needed a simple electronic way to track inventory

Q7 Where is hospital inventory stored?

A7 Central stores and departments

Q8 How is unwanted inventory disposed of?

A8 If the Trust has stock that can no longer be used and cannot be returned to the supplier for credit or swapped for alternative products, it will offer this as mutual aid to other NHS Trusts.

If the Trust has any expired date stock, this will be recorded and disposed of in line with the Trusts waste disposal policies.

Q9 May we contact you to learn more about your inventory management system? If yes, please provide an email address and a contact name

A9 This question does not meet the criteria for a valid request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Q10 Name of Trust

A10 Alder Hey Children's Foundation Trust