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From: Commercial  
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Subject: Trust's decision not to use MESH

## REQUEST & RESPONSE

We have been informed by NHS Improvement that this Trust does not currently use the Message Exchange for Social Care & Health (MESH) tool to identify overseas visitors who may be eligible for NHS charging.

I would like to FOI request answers to the following three questions:

1. Please provide copies of any documents outlining the rationale not to adopt the MESH tool.

The Trust is planning to implement MESH in 2021.

2. Please provide copies of any meeting minutes or email correspondence with the Department of Health and Social Care or NHS England pertaining to the adoption of the MESH tool. Please also provide any documents/guidance sent to your trust regarding this.

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust does not hold this information.

3. Does this Trust have an alternative system for identifying patients who may be eligible for charging?

**No**

If yes, please provide a copy of any documents/flowcharts detailing how this system identifies patients potentially eligible for charging. This should include