Title: **Medical Image Anonymisation**

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act. In particular, I am requesting information about medical image anonymisation protocols.

Specifically, I would like to know the following:

1. *What protocols and guidelines are in place for anonymising medical images?*
   Answer: Picture archiving and communication system (PACS) application has in-built functionality for anonymising medical images. Each project which contains anonymised medical images is guided by the Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) process.

2. *How are these protocols and guidelines applied for research?*
   Answer: Each research project which contains anonymised medical images is guided by the DPIA process.

3. *What training and support is provided to staff who are responsible for anonymising medical images?*
   Answer: DPIA process and PACS training containing explanations on in-built functionality for anonymising medical images, alongside support from the PACS team if required.