

You requested the following:

1. In 2023, what annual cybersecurity budget has been allocated to your NHS Trust?
2. Can you also provide your Trust's annual cybersecurity budget for the years:
  - a. 2022
  - b. 2021
  - c. 2020
  - d. 2019
  - e. 2018
  - f. 2017
3. In 2023, how is your annual cybersecurity budget spent:
  - a. What percentage goes towards cybersecurity training for employees?
  - b. What percentage goes towards technology investments?
  - c. What percentage goes towards employee resources for your cybersecurity team?
4. How many employees work in your NHS Trust?
5. How many employed, full-time members of staff make up your NHS Trust's cyber/infosecurity team?
6. How many hours of cybersecurity training are employees of your NHS Trust required to undertake every year?
7. Has your NHS Trust paid any ransom demands to cybercriminals in the last five years?
  - a. If yes, how much did you pay in total?
8. Has your NHS Trust had any patient records compromised / stolen by cybercriminals in the last five years?
  - a. If yes, how many records were compromised / stolen?

## Our response

For questions 1 to 3, we are withholding this information, relying on Section 31 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (prevention and detection of crime). Specifically, we believe that disclosing details our ICT infrastructure, or support of that infrastructure, would be likely to prejudice the prevention of crime, particularly cyber-crime.

In line with the terms of this exemption in the Freedom of Information Act, we have also considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the information, despite the exemption being applicable. In this case, we have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information.

4. Approximately 16,000 employees.

For questions 5 to 8, we are withholding this information, relying on Section 31 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (prevention and detection of crime). Specifically, we believe that disclosing details our ICT infrastructure, or support of that infrastructure, would be likely to prejudice the prevention of crime, particularly cyber-crime.

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