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Thank you for your request concerning the Governments Cloud First Policy.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

Questions

- 1) **Do you know about the Government's Cloud First policy?**
- 2) **Is your organisation using a public cloud for any area of your IT infrastructure?**
- 3) **What percentage of your IT infrastructure has already been migrated to the public cloud?**
 - **Less than 25%**
 - **25% - 50%**
 - **50% - 75%**
 - **75% - 100%**
- 4) **Which area(s) of your organisation's IT infrastructure has/have been migrated (in part or in whole) to the public cloud? Select all that apply.**
 - **Database(s)**
 - **Application(s)**
 - **Security**
 - **Storage**
 - **We have not migrated anything to the cloud**
- 5) **If you are not 100% cloudfirst, what is your timeline to migrate the rest of your infrastructure to the public cloud?**
 - **I am 100% cloud**
 - **6 months or less**
 - **6-12 months**
 - **1-2 years**
 - **2+ years**
 - **No, we don't plan to move everything to the cloud**

- 6) What barriers to public cloud adoption have you experienced? Select all that apply.
- Lack of skills needed to implement/manage
 - Security/compliance concerns
 - Budget constraints
 - Inability to prove return on investment (ROI)
 - Need to continue supporting old, legacy technology
 - Vendor lock-in (with a cloud provider)
 - Concerns over IT managing multi-vendor environments
- 7) How many monitoring and management tools are you currently using to gain visibility into your IT infrastructure?
- 1
 - 2-3
 - 4-5
 - 6-7
 - 8-9
 - 10 or more
 - Not sure
- 8) Are you able to use the same monitoring and management tools for on-premises infrastructure and cloud environments?
- Yes
 - No
 - Not sure
- 9) What are the biggest challenges you face when monitoring and managing your public cloud environment? Select all that apply.
- Lack of control and visibility into performance
 - Uncertainty where data resides
 - Protecting and securing the cloud environments
 - Performance downtime
 - Determining the most suitable workloads to move to the cloud
 - Not fully understanding the benefits of the cloud
- 10) Are you seeing the expected ROI from public cloud adoption?
- Yes
 - No
 - Still can't determine

Answer

We have reviewed your request and investigated whether there is any information disclosable to you in respect to questions 1 to 10. We are unable to provide you with the information because it could be used to compromise the security of the organisation. It would make the organisation vulnerable to a crime such as hacking and this could lead to a theft of information or a denial of service to IT systems therefore we have applied S31(1)(a) – Law Enforcement (1) Information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would or would be likely to prejudice (a) the prevention or detection of crime.

We have considered the reasons for and against disclosure below:

Reason in favour of disclosure

We acknowledge the public interest in openness and transparency and recognise that releasing this information would provide the public with assurance that we are protecting their information and our technologies.

Reason against disclosure

Disclosure of the information requested could make the Trust more vulnerable to cyber-crime as it outlines the Trust's position which could be used as a starting point to attack network infrastructure and/or information systems.

We have reached the view that on balance, the public interest is better serviced by withholding this information under the section 31(1) exemption.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

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Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

