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Thank you for your request concerning IT or ITC hardware.

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

Q1. Can you please list the number of devices deployed by your organisation for the following?

The majority of information you are requesting is already in the public domain¹. Please follow the links provided on your spreadsheet.

We are unable to answer the questions requesting information on our servers, storage devices, network infrastructure and security infrastructure because if answered 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.

S31 is subject to a test of prejudice. Please see below for our considered reasons for and against disclosure:

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 would make the Trust vulnerable to cyber-crime as it outlines the Trust's security 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) exemption².

¹ Section 21 – Information is available through other means

² Section 31 - 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

Q2. Does your organisation have any plans for refreshing or replacing the above devices, if so, can you please provide the indicative or projected expenditure in the below format?

This is ongoing.

Q3. Does your organisation have any plans for developing, refreshing, or replacing IT or ICT software applications, if so, can you please provide the information in the below format?

This is ongoing.

Under Section 16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance you may find our [Digital Strategy](#) of some interest.

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

**Sue Smith
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](#).

