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Our Ref: FOI/04614

Thank you for your request concerning Trust's IT Infrastructure.

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

Can you please provide an update on the following 3 questions regarding your Trust's Infrastructure?

1. **For each element of IT infrastructure below, please provide the requested details (Main provider, annual spend 2021-2022, contract end date):**
  - Desktop management
  - Networking
  - Data Centre
  - Server management
  - IT Security
  
2. **For each of the elements below, please provide details about your cloud provider (name, contract end date):**
  - Data storage
  - Networking
  - Back-up and archive
  - Application databases
  - Big Data analytics databases
  
3. **For each of the elements below, does your organisation plan to move to a cloud-based service in the next 2 years?**
  - Data storage
  - Networking
  - Back-up and archive
  - Processing and computer capacity
  - Application databases
  - Analytics databases
  - Email and collaboration
  - Other (Please specify)

The information you are requesting in questions 1, 2 and 3 relates to our IT capabilities and 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 our IT capability would make the Trust vulnerable to cybercrime 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 served 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](#).

