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Thank you for your request concerning cyber security.

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

1. **For each year (2020 – 2022), please confirm how many cyberattacks your Trust has suffered?**
2. **For each year (2020 – 2022), please confirm how many cyberattacks have resulted in the halting of or delay in delivery of care or services to patients?**
3. **For each year (2020-2022), please confirm:**
4. **The GBP (£) value of budget allocated to cybersecurity**
5. **What percentage of the Trust's entire budget for the financial year was spent on cybersecurity?**
6. **How many times in the last 12 months have you audited your third-party suppliers' cybersecurity measures?**

The information you are requesting in questions 1 to 6 are relating to our cyber security 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 the number of cyber-attacks and the use of certain operating systems / platforms 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) 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*

**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](#).

