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of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 10th October 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding IT software estate.

On 11th October 2018 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on question 5.

On the same day you replied with the following:

"What Microsoft software portfolios you may be reviewing within your estate, the purpose of review to establish if upgrades/renewals/new purchases are required or are you licence compliant and up to date?"

I can neither confirm nor deny that the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in questions 2 and 5 is exempt from disclosure under section 24(1) which states "*Information which does not fall within section 23(1) is exempt information if the exemption from section 1(1) (b) 2 is required for the purpose of safeguarding national security.*" Furthermore withholding this information is also supported by the Freedom of Information Amendment (Terrorism and Criminal Intelligence) Act 2004. In addition, we are applying section 31(a).—31 (1)a Information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice - (a) *the prevention or detection of crime*. It is the view of our Information security function that disclosure of the information above would prejudice our ability to resist cyber-attacks, etc. on our systems.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (2000) the Trust has completed a public interest test where all the information was examined in relation to this request and has found that the section exemptions as detailed above were correctly applied.

Under section 16 of the FOI Act we are required to provide requestors with advice and assistance where possible. We would therefore like to advise you that we can comply with your request within the 18 hour timeframe if your questions are reduced to information that does not contravene this exemption. In order to avoid further delay to your response we have provided this below.



As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 What is the current number of staff who use a PC or a laptop within your Trust?

A1 All staff have access to computers but may not use them on a day to day basis, currently the headcount of permanent and fixed term employees as at 31st August 2018 was 10,877 (this figure excludes Bank Staff and Agency)

Q2 What are the current Microsoft software licences (server and desktop) that you are using?

A2 Information exempt from disclosure as detailed above

Q3 What is your annual IT spend on Microsoft licences?

A3 Microsoft licences are bundled into the cost of PC's and servers so cannot be broken down separately

Q4 Has your organisation moved, or is planning to move, to the Cloud in the next 12 months?

A4 No

Q5 Are you due to undertake a review of your software estate in the next 12 months?

A5 Information exempt from disclosure as detailed above

Q6 What is the name of the decision maker for IT spend in your organisation?

A6 Mark Bostock

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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