



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-400

Date: 30th October 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 17th September 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding EBME

Q1 FAO: Head of EBME.

Please see the attached FOI Request

A1 Refer to the attached document that you supplied, please note that UHNM has applied the following Exemptions to the response

Serial numbers of assets:

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.

Serial numbers of assets:

Sect 38- health and safety-

This is because the information requested in your question is exempt under sections 31(1)(a) *the prevention or detection of a crime* and 38(1)(b) of the FOI Act. This section states: (1) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would or would be likely to— (b) *endanger the safety of any individual*, should the assets be 'hacked'.

Individual prices:

Commercially sensitive information relating to the price paid per item has not been disclosed here as we *consider that under section 43(2) of the FOI Act: prejudice* to the commercial interests of any party, is engaged. Disclosure of this information could be commercially detrimental to the Trust and companies acting on our behalf and result in less competitive prices for services. The likely consequence of this would be increased cost for service provision to the Trust. We have considered how the public interest might apply, and although recognising that there is a strong public interest in openness there is a greater public interest ensuring an ability to obtain best value for money. We can confirm the total cost of the assets as being: £106 million.

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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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.

Yours,



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