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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 2nd December 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding cyber.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

The total amount spent by the Trust on data security and cyber security training in the 12 months to the 1st of December 2020 (or the last year for which data was available); and the breakdown of these costs in terms of the training undertaken.

A1 Release of this information potentially puts the Trust at risk and therefore is exempted 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.

The Trust determines that to disclose this information would prejudice the Trust's ability to prevent and react to any cyber-attack. Cyber-attacks present a real risk of harm to members of staff and patients. The Trust has completed the public interest test and this has been upheld.

Additionally; the Trust will neither confirm nor deny it holds this information. This is because the revealing of facts enables others to utilise such data to identify weaknesses or strengths.

Q2 The total amount spent by the Trust on private cyber security contractors and/or consultants/consultancies the last 12 months to the 1st of December 2020.

A2 As answer 1

Q3 The total number of ransom ware attacks (or other cyber-attacks) in the last 12 months to the 1st of December 2020.

A3 As answer 1

Q4 The total amount spent by the Trust in recovery costs from ransom ware (or other cyber-attacks) the last 12 months to the 1st of December 2020.

A4 As answer 1

Q5 The total number of qualified cyber security and data security professionals employed by the Trust.

A5 As answer 1

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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 671612.

Yours,



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