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**Our reference: FOI DA4778**

I am responding to your request for information received 7 June 2023. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

When an organisation receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, it is allowed under the Act to apply a blanket exemption to this where it has concluded that providing a response would take in excess of eighteen hours. When the cost of compliance and extracting information would exceed eighteen hours, a cost limit of £450 can be applied. This is explained in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to eighteen hours work.

Having reviewed your request, the Trust has noted that it would not be able to provide all the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, in this instance and in order to assist you, we have provided a partial response to your request as per below.

In order to assist you with your request, I have advised below the timing each question would take in order to assist you to refine your request. If you wish to refine your request to comply with the eighteen hour time limit, please do get in touch.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Keshia Harvey  
Information Governance Manager



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If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113  
Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Request:**

- Question 1: Can you please list the number of devices deployed by your organisation for the following?**
- a. Desktop PCs**
  - b. Laptops**
  - c. Mobile Phones**
  - d. Printers**
  - e. Multi Functional Devices (MFDs)**
  - f. Tablets**
  - g. Physical Servers**
  - h. Storage Devices (for example: NAS, SAN)**
  - i. Networking Infrastructure (for example: Switches, Routers, Interfaces, Wireless Access Points)**
  - j. Security Infrastructure (for example: Firewalls, Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS), Virus Monitoring Tools)**

**Answer:** Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

When the Trust identifies that the request is likely to take over 18 hours, we are not obliged to provide information for any part of the request. We are required to provide advice on how you may refine your request to information that can be collated within the 18 hour timeframe. You may then choose what information you would like to receive and confirm the same to us, upon which we will process your request.

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information estimates that it would take one hour to collate.

- Question 2: Does your organisation have any plans to procure below software applications, if yes then please provide required information in the below format?**

**Digital Electronic Discharge Systems**  
**Maternity Information Systems**  
**Laboratory Information Management System**

**Please provide estimate cost and duration.**

**Answer:** No, the Trust does not have placed to procure these software applications.

- Question 3: Can your organisation provide Clinical ICT Strategy key decisions and priorities or ICT strategy documents for present and future years?**

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:  
*(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.*

The information requested is accessible here:

[https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-10/ELFT\\_Digital\\_Strategy\\_A5\\_Oct22%20FINAL.pdf](https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-10/ELFT_Digital_Strategy_A5_Oct22%20FINAL.pdf)



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**Question 4: Does your organisation use Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, if yes then please list the services and their estimated cost for 23/24 and 24/25?**

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The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information estimates that it would take one hour to collate.

**Question 5: Can your organisation provide planned ICT procurement plans across software, hardware or services for current and future years? (Software Applications/Hardware Devices/IT Managed Services)**

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The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information estimates that it would take 22 hours to collate.

Therefore, the Trust is unable to comply with this particular part of your request as the cost of compliance and extracting your exact requirements would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 which is specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to 18 hours work.



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