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I am responding to your request for information received 2 October 2023. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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,

Information Rights Coordinator

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:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Request:

Question 1: In 2023, what annual cybersecurity budget has been allocated to your NHS Trust?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 31(1)(a) of the FOI Act states:

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The information requested, if released into the public domain, could have the potential to identify weaknesses within the Trusts digital infrastructure, leaving it open to cyber threat. For this reason, an exemption has been applied.

Question 2: Can you also provide your Trust's annual cybersecurity budget for the years:

- a) 2022
- b) 2021
- c) 2020
- d) 2019
- e) 2018
- f) 2017

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 3a: In 2023, how is your annual cybersecurity budget spent: What percentage goes towards cybersecurity training for employees?

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

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Question 3b: What percentage goes towards technology investments?

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

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Question 3c: What percentage goes towards employee resources for your cybersecurity team?

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Question 4: How many employees work in your NHS Trust?

Answer: The Trust currently has 7,358 employees.

Question 5: How many employed, full-time members of staff make up your NHS Trust's cyber/infosecurity team?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 6: How many hours of cybersecurity training are employees of your NHS Trust required to undertake every year?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.*

Cybersecurity training is included in the Data Security and Protection Toolkit annual training and therefore part of generic data security training. The Trust is therefore not able to provide the number of hours completed.

Question 7: Has your NHS Trust paid any ransom demands to cybercriminals in the last five years? If yes, how much did you pay in total?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 7 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 8: Has your NHS Trust had any patient records compromised / stolen by cybercriminals in the last five years?

Answer: No.

Question 8a: If yes, how many records were compromised / stolen?

Answer: Not applicable.



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