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I am responding to your request for information received 15 November 2023. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. 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:

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

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: Dear Hackney and City Centre for Mental Health, there appears to be faulty fire alarm systems in the corridors of Joshua Ward. Please investigate your fire alarms and provide me with all testing results from the past year as a FOI request.

Answer: Section 38(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

(1) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to —

(a) endanger the physical or mental health of any individual, or

(b) endanger the safety of any individual.

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and is applying section 38 of the FOI Act. Section 38 exemption applies to health and safety. As this is a qualified exemption, the public interest in withholding the information should outweigh the public interest in disclosure.

The Trust has applied the public interest test and, in this instance, believes disclosure of this information may have a detrimental effect on the physical or mental health of individuals who are inpatients on Joshua Ward or who visit the ward and should therefore be withheld. Please note that fire safety arrangements are in place at all times.



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