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**Our reference: FOI DA5279**

I am responding to your request for information received 21 March 2024. 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,



Keshia Harvey  
Senior Information Governance Manager - Compliance

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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**Interim Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
**Chair:** Eileen Taylor

**Request:** I am writing to politely request the following data under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) on cyber attacks affecting East London NHS Foundation Trust. Where possible please provide data broken down by calendar year or failing that, by relevant 12-month period (e.g. 2021/22 2022/23 etc.) for which data is available.

**Question 1.** How many times has your organisation experienced an attempted cyber-attack in the last two financial years?

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

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

*31(1) Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice*

*(a) the prevention or detection of crime*

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.** Have you ever reported any cyber-related incidents to the NCSC and if so, how many in the last two financial years?

**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 3.** Thinking about cyber-attacks where the criminal was able to obtain data or disable systems, how much have these cost the organisation?

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

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**Question 4. How much of the organisation's total annual budget is spent on cyber support, protection and computer systems?**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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**Question 5. How many people are employed by the organisation to oversee cyber support and programmes?**

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

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