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I am responding to your request for information received 14^h January 2025. 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,

FOI Team

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:

I would like to request under the Freedom of Information Act details on ransomware attacks on your organisation between 2019 and 2024. For the avoidance of doubt, a ransomware attack is a type of cyberattack which prevents an organisation accessing their own files or computer networks after criminals manage to infect the system with malware. These type of attacks involve the criminals demanding payment for a key to restore access to the files. I would appreciate it if you could break down the figures for each year. I would also appreciate it if you could supply the data on an excel spreadsheet or other type of .CSV file.

Question 1: In particular, I would like to know the number of ransomware attacks on your organisation between 2019 and 2024.

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

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 Trust's digital infrastructure, leaving it open to cyber threat. For this reason an exemption has been applied.

Question 2: I would like to know the number of successful attacks on your system

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of 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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Question 3: I would also like to know the cost of these attacks on your organisation, including the amount of ransom or payments made to restore access to your systems.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of 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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