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**Our reference: FOI DA5731R**

I am responding to your request for a further internal review under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024. This was regarding our response on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

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.

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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**Question 1:** Please may I ask for a review of your decision to withhold the data I asked for (VRM's) in my FOI request? This information is provided to me across NHS Trusts across the country.

***This information would be used for a searchable database to help prevent and detect crime by the public & enforcement officers.***

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed its previous response and upholds its decision not to disclose this information on the basis of Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act.

To provide further explanation, disclosure of such information could lead to Trust vehicles being identified and targeted, which would make the Trust more vulnerable to criminal activities, which can include but are not limited to the cloning of license plates, vandalism, theft and robbery. This could also make the individuals within those vehicles vulnerable to criminal activity as well as endangering the security of the Trust. Therefore, disclosure of such information would hinder the prevention and detection of crime. The Trust has considered the balance of public interest and has determined that the risk of disclosure outweighs the benefits in this instance. As a result, the Trust has upheld its decision.



**Original Request DA5731: Please can you supply me with the following information?**

**Registration number:**

**Make:**

**Model:**

**of all vehicles both owned/leased by your NHS Trust and all vehicles sold between 01/09/2023 and 31/10/2024.**

**Answer:** Please see table below:

<b>Trust leased and owned vehicles between 01/09/2023 and 31/10/2024.</b>
2 X Car Make: Toyota Model: Yaris Hatchback Leased
2 X Car Make: Citroen Model: Space Tourer Leased
1 X Minibus Make: Renault Model: N/A Leased
1 X Car Make: Nissan Model: Juke Hatchback Leased
1 X Car Make: Ford Model: Transit Torneo Leased
1 X Car Make: Vauxhall Model: Combo Life Estate Leased
1 X Car Make: Seat Model: Ibiza Hatchback Leased
1 X Car Make: Nissan Model: Qashqai Hatchback Leased
1 X Car Make: Volkswagen Model: Caddy Cargo Leased
1 X Car Make: Nissan Model: Juke Tekna Owned



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The Trust has reviewed your request for vehicle registration 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 pose a potential security risk and has the potential to make the Trust vulnerable to criminal activities. For this reason an exemption has been applied.



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