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I am responding to your request for information received 3 October 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,

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](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
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**Request:**

**Question 1: The most up to date annual cybersecurity budget that 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.

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: A breakdown of the trust's annual cybersecurity budget since 2019.**

**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: How is your annual cybersecurity budget spent in the latest up to date annual figure? Please include: percentage going towards cybersecurity training for employees, towards technology investments, towards employee resources for cybersecurity team.**

**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: The number of employees working in your NHS Trust.**

**Answer:** Substantive: 7710  
Bank: 1691  
Honorary: 1218

**Question 5: The number of employed, full time members of staff which make up the NHS Trust's cyber / info security team.**



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**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: Number of hours of cybersecurity training employees at the Trust are required to undertake each 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.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record the number of hours of cybersecurity training for employees as requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

Section 16(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Section 16 (1) It shall be the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information to it.*

Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, the Trust has a duty to provide a reasonable level of advice and assistance. As such, the Trust can disclose the following information to assist you with your request.

All staff are required to complete the mandatory NHS Data Security Awareness – level 1 training once every year. The Trust also provides various extensive non-mandatory Cybersecurity support throughout the year.

**Question 7: Has the Trust paid any ransom demands to cybercriminals in the last five years? If yes, how much was paid?**

**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 the Trust had any patient records compromised / stolen by cybercriminals in the last five years? If yes, how many?**

**Answer:** No.



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