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We are responding to your request for information received 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are 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

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**Request:**

**My current analysis is based mainly on publicly available and published sources (NAO reports, NCSC guidance, parliamentary evidence, etc.).**

**However, I recognise that such materials may not fully reflect how governance actually operates within individual Trusts.**

**To ensure that my research findings reflect real-world governance practices rather than policy design alone, I would appreciate your assistance with a small set of factual, non-sensitive governance indicators under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**Please provide information for the period 1 January 2018 – 31 December 2024 (inclusive) or the most recent complete year available.**

**Question 1: Governance framework — The framework used for cybersecurity governance (e.g. NCSC CAF, DSPT, ISO 27001) and the year of its latest board approval.**

Answer: NHS CAF/DSPT - 2025

**Question 2: Board review frequency — How often the board or an executive committee formally reviews cyber resilience or cybersecurity governance (e.g. annually, quarterly, ad hoc).**

Answer: Quarterly and ad-hoc

**Question 3: Most recent review — The title and month/year of the latest board or committee paper or report relating to cyber resilience (no internal findings required).**

Answer: Cybersecurity Resilience and Strategy – Cybersecurity Board most recently reviewed December 2025.

**Question 4: Reporting line — The current reporting structure for cybersecurity governance (e.g. CISO → CIO → Board).**

Answer: CISO – CTO - CIO

**Question 5: External assurance — Whether the Trust has undergone external assurance such as CAF self-assessment, DSPT validation, independent audit, or security testing (e.g. penetration test / red-team). If so, please indicate only the type and frequency, not the scope or results.**

Answer: Yes, the Trust undergoes DSPT validation, internal audit and penetration tests on an annual basis

**Question 6: Concurrent improvement programmes — Approximate number of cybersecurity-related improvement programmes or initiatives active concurrently in a typical year (2018–2024) and trend (increasing/decreasing/stable).**

Answer: Five as mature

**Question 7: Internal coordination — Whether a steering group, programme office, or committee coordinates concurrent cybersecurity initiatives within the Trust, and its reporting level (executive/board).**



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Answer IGSG (Executive), QAC (Board sub Committee) and Digital Services Board (Executive but chaired by a Non Executive Director)

**Question 8: Cross-Trust coordination — Whether the Trust participates in structured coordination or information-sharing mechanisms with other NHS Trusts or regional bodies on cyber-resilience governance (e.g. ICS cyber networks), and at what level (regional/national).**

Answer NHS England, Integrated Care System, National Cyber Security Centre and National Cyber Forums

**Question 9: Board learning — Whether board-level training sessions or workshops on cyber resilience have been held since 2018, and in which years.**

Answer Yes – Annual and extra ad-hoc training



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