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Response Due: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

**You asked:**

**This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:**

- 1. The total amount spent by the Trust on data security and cyber security training in the 12 months to the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2020 (or the last year for which data was available); and the breakdown of these costs in terms of the training undertaken.**
- 2. The total amount spent by the Trust on private cyber security contractors and/or consultants/consultancies the last 12 months to the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2020.**
- 3. The total number of ransomware attacks (or other cyber-attacks) in the last 12 months to the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2020.**
- 4. The total amount spent by the Trust in recovery costs from ransomware (or other cyber-attacks) the last 12 months to the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2020.**
- 5. The total number of qualified cyber security and data security professionals employed by the Trust.**

**Refusal Notice for question(s) 1 to 5 - Section 31 (1)(a)(g)**

The information which has been withheld is exempt from disclosure under section 31(1) (a) (g) of the Freedom of Information Act. The relevant parts of the ICO guidance on the subject

(<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1207/law-enforcement-foi-section-31.pdf>) run as follows:

31. (1) Information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice - (a) the prevention or detection of crime. (g) the exercise by any public authority of its functions for any of the purposes specified in subsection (2).

It is our view that disclosure of the information requested (above) could make the Trust more vulnerable to cyber-crime as it outlines the Trust's security position which could be used as a starting point to attack network infrastructure and/or information systems.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Malcolm Gandy  
Chief Information Officer

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