

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 4637

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Surveillance equipment.

You asked:

- 1. How many fixed (static) surveillance cameras are functional on the trust's premises?*
 - a) How many are focused outside buildings (for instance in grounds or car parks)?*
 - b) How many are focused inside buildings?*
- 2. How many moving surveillance cameras (those that zoom in, pan and tilt) are functional on the trust's premises?*
 - a) How many are focused outside buildings (for instance in grounds or car parks)?*
 - b) How many are focused inside buildings?*
- 3. Do you have any covert (hidden) cameras on your premises? If yes, please say:*
 - a) How many are focused outside buildings (for instance in grounds or car parks)?*
 - b) How many are focused inside buildings?*
- 4. Do security officers employed by the trust use body worn video cameras? If yes, please say:*
 - a) How many body worn cameras are in use by security guards on your premises?*
 - b) When these are turned on*
- 5. How much has the trust spent on surveillance equipment, in total? Please break this down by:*
 - a) Fixed surveillance cameras*
 - b) Moving surveillance cameras*
 - c) Body worn video cameras*
- 6. What is the make, model and manufacturer of the devices used by the trust?*
 - a) Fixed surveillance cameras*
 - b) Moving surveillance cameras*
 - c) Body worn video cameras*

7. *Where is the footage from the devices stored? Please break this down by:*
- a) *Fixed surveillance cameras*
 - b) *Moving surveillance cameras*
 - c) *Body worn video cameras*
8. *How long is the footage from the devices held? Please break this down for:*
- a) *Fixed surveillance cameras*
 - b) *Moving surveillance cameras*
 - c) *Body worn video cameras*
9. *How many times has footage from devices been used in a successful or unsuccessful prosecution? Please break this down by device:*
- a) *Fixed surveillance cameras*
 - b) *Moving surveillance cameras*
 - c) *Body worn video camera*
10. *Does your trust comply with the Surveillance Camera Commissioner's code of conduct? (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/surveillance-camera-code-of-practice>)*

Trust response:

1. – 4, 6. – 8

The trust has applied Section 31 (1)(a) of the FOI Act (Law Enforcement) to this question as providing this could compromise the security of the Trust's network / data and might materially cover activity which forms part of ongoing criminal investigations

The information which has been withheld is exempt from disclosure under section 31(1)(a) 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. It could be used to withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime for example, by disclosing its own security procedures. It is the view of this trust's Information security function that disclosure of the information above would prejudice our ability to resist cyber-attacks, etc. on our systems.

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a) Total maintenance for a) and b) £1k per annum

b) See above

c) Not applicable

9. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.

10. Yes