

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 5314

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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 Cybersecurity.

*You asked:*

1. *Are you aware of the Minimum Cyber Security Standard, published 25th June 2018?*
2. *What is your annual dedicated budget for cybersecurity (including personnel and technology)?*
3. *Approximately how many cyber-attacks (of any kind) have you experienced in your organisation in these 12-month periods?*
4. *Which of the following attack / cybersecurity threat types have been detected by your organisation?*
5. *Which of the following form part of your cybersecurity defence technology strategy?*
6. *Which of these obstacles has your organisation experienced in maintaining or improving IT security?*

Trust response:

1.
  - a. Yes
2. The Trust does not have a dedicated cybersecurity budget. This falls within the overall IT capital and revenue budgets.
3. 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:

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