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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 cyber security.

1. Has your organisation completed all of the government's '10 steps to cyber security'?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

2. Have you suffered Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) cyber-attacks on your network in the last year?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

3. If so, how many DDoS attacks did you experience during 2016?

- a. Attacks occur weekly or even daily*
- b. Attacks occur monthly*
- c. Less than a handful of attacks during the entire year*

4. Has your organisation ever been the victim of a DDoS attack which was used in combination with another type of cyber-attack, such as a demand for ransom/ransomware, network infiltration or data theft?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

5. How does your IT team detect that your organisation has suffered a DDoS attack?

- ☐ End-users complain of a service issue
- ☐ High bandwidth spikes with other network security tools
- ☐ Infrastructure outages/failures, (e.g. firewalls went down)
- ☐ Application failures, eg. Websites going down

6. *Does your method of DDoS mitigation detect sub-saturating DDoS attacks of less than 30 minutes in duration, which do not typically overwhelm the network?*

☐ Yes

☐ No

The information requested is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 36 as the Trust is not required to provide information in response to a request if the information would prejudice or would be likely to prejudice “the effective conduct of public affairs.”