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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. *What was your total annual spend on cyber security in tax years?*
  - 2014-2015
  - 2015-2016
  - 2016-2017
  - 2017-2018
2. *If any, how many successful and unsuccessful cyber-attacks did you have during the above years?*
3. *For the above years, what types of attacks or attempted attacks happened*
4. *If any attacks were successful how did this happen and how was this dealt with?*
5. *What is your current cyber security strategy?*

1. Cyber Security is part of the Trust's ongoing IT expenditure and is not reflected separately within our financial data.

2, 3, 4 & 5.

The trust has applied Section 31 (1)(a) of the FOI Act (Law Enforcement) to the remaining questions 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.