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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 Security monitoring of IT networks.

- 1. Who is responsible for the security monitoring of your IT networks? a) In-house IT team; b) Outsourced team; c) Not applicable.*
- 2. How many times, if any, have you suffered a breach in the last three years as a result of unpatched or outdated software?*
- 3. Have you suffered any downtime as a result of any IT security issues in the last three years, if so which parts of your IT infrastructure were down and for approximately how long?*

1. 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.

2. None

3. Yes, but only due to planned maintenance.