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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.

You asked:
*1. Could you please tell me whether you have had a CHECK test in i)
2016/17, ii) 2017/18 and iii) 2018/19?*
*2. Could you also tell me what cyber security do you have aside from CHECK
work including the following i) user education ii) other penetration tests iii)
internal security team iv) other.*
*3. Could you please tell me how many incidents of cyber-attacks you have
recorded since the beginning of 2017?*
*4. Of these can you tell me how many incidents were referred to external
sources including the police, the National Crime Agency and the National
Cyber Security Centre?*
5. How many of these incidents were handled internally?

Trust response:
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.