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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 Windows 7 operating system.

You asked:

- 1. How many computers within Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust are currently running the Windows 7 operating system?*
- 2. Will all of these computers be updated with a newer operating system before Microsoft ends support of Windows 7 in January 2020?*

Trust response:

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.

However, the Trust plans to have all computers upgraded within the timelines provided by NHS Digital – the total number of computers is circa 4500.