



**Maidstone and
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NHS Trust

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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 Information Technology.

You asked:

- 1. Are the Data Centre's operated by or for the organisation fit for purpose? For example, is there a Business Continuity Plan, is there Disaster Recovery in place or is it a single site?*
- 2. Is there any capital investment in data centres planned in the next 36 months? For example, Mechanical & Electrical or refresh of equipment within the DC such as network, storage area network?*
- 3. Is data privacy and or information security compliance a priority for the organisation's board?*
- 4. On your Organisation's risk register, are there any Information Technology related risks?
i) If time/ cost allows, please list the top three related risks.*
- 5. Are the cyber security vulnerabilities within the organisation's existing Information Technology estate increasing?
i) Has the organisation had a security breach in the past 12 months?*
- 6. Did the organisation meet its Information Technology savings target in the last Financial Year?*
- 7. What percentage of Information Technology budget is currently allocated to "on-premises" capability vs "cloud" capability?*
- 8. Does the organisation have the skills and resource levels necessary for moving to the cloud?*
- 9. Do you have an EPR in place? – If so which one? If not do you have a timescale of which you have to implement it?*
- 10. In relation to contracts with Amazon Web Services, Microsoft for Azure and/or Google for Google Cloud, was the monthly expenditure higher than budgeted?*

i) If yes, has the organisation been able to subsequently reduce the cost whilst maintaining service levels for users?

Trust response:

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. Yes.
4. Yes.
5. 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.

The Trust has issued a Cyber Security statement which can be found on our website using the following link: <https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>

- i) No.
6. Yes
7. Approx. 85% on Prem and 15% Cloud hosted.
8. Some, not all.
9. Allscripts Sunrise.
10. Not applicable.
- i) Not applicable.