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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 attacks.

*You asked:*

- 1. How many cyber-attacks (incidents) did your organisation experience in the last 3 years?*
- 2. If these statistics are available within the cost limit, how many of those incidents involved*
  - a) Malware*
  - b) Ransomware*
  - c) Hacking*
  - d) Phishing emails*
- 3. How many incidents over the last 3 years were reported to the Department of Health and Social Care, whether under the Security of Network and Information Systems Regulations 2018, or otherwise?*
- 4. How many incidents over the last 3 years resulted in a notification to the Information Commissioner's Office?*
- 5. How many incidents over the last 3 years were reported to both DHSC and the ICO?*

Trust response:

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:

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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/>

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