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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 Essentials Accreditation.

You asked:

"1. Does your organisation have Cyber Essentials Accreditation/Certification in place?

1.1 Where the answer to the above is 'Yes' - when does it expire?

1.2 Where the answer to the above is a 'No', (a)are you planning on achieving the Cyber Essentials (CE) certification and (b)by which date?

2. Does your organisation have Cyber Essentials Plus Accreditation/Certification in place?

2.1 Where the answer to the above is 'Yes' - when does it expire?

2.2 Where the answer to the above is 'No' – (a)are you planning on achieving the Cyber Essentials Plus (CE+) certification and (b)by which date?"

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.

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/>