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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 IT System and Application Implementations.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

- 1. What IT systems/applications are you planning to replace or upgrade over the next two years?*
- 2. What new IT systems/applications have you recently procured and are planning to implement?*
- 3. What are your implementation timescales for these deployments?*
- 4. Is the Trust using or considering external support for any IT system/applications implementations?*
- 5. If applicable, what current digital maternity system do you use?*

Trust response:

Following the Synnovis cyber-attack on the NHS and due to the increased risk to the NHS, the Trust has taken the decision to not release detailed information relating to both clinical and infrastructure software and systems.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust takes these risks very seriously. Since it holds large amounts of sensitive, personal and confidential information, maintaining the security of this information is extremely important. Disclosure of the information would assist a hacker in gaining valuable information as to the nature of the Trust's systems, defences and possible vulnerabilities.

The Trust recognises that answering the request would promote openness and transparency with regards to the Trust's software systems, however, we believe there is a very strong public interest in preventing the Trust's software and systems from being subject to cyber-attacks. The Trust can neither

confirm nor deny whether information is held under section 31(3) of the FOIA.  
The full wording of section 31 can be found here:  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/31>