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Email:

Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 231002.

You requested the following information, please see our response below:

**I would like to submit the below FOI request to your NHS board:**

- 1. In 2023, what annual cybersecurity budget has been allocated to your NHS Trust?**

The IT Department does not have a dedicated cyber security budget, budgets comprise of software and hardware lines which cater for cyber security requirements along with Trust BAU and new project requirements.

- 2. Can you also provide your Trust's annual cybersecurity budget for the years:**

- a. 2022
- b. 2021
- c. 2020
- d. 2019
- e. 2018
- f. 2017

As above, no dedicated cyber security budgets.

- 3. In 2023, how is your annual cybersecurity budget spent:**

- a. What percentage goes towards cybersecurity training for employees?
- b. What percentage goes towards technology investments?

- c. **What percentage goes towards employee resources for your cybersecurity team?**

As above, no dedicated cyber security budgets.

4. **How many employees work in your NHS Trust?**

As of October 2023, 4897

5. **How many employed, full-time members of staff make up your NHS Trust's cyber/infosecurity team?**

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6. **How many hours of cybersecurity training are employees of your NHS Trust required to undertake every year?**

Part of annual statutory and mandatory training requirements.

7. **Has your NHS Trust paid any ransom demands to cybercriminals in the last five years?**

No

- a. **If yes, how much did you pay in total?**

8. **Has your NHS Trust had any patient records compromised / stolen by cybercriminals in the last five years?**

No

- a. **If yes, how many records were compromised / stolen?**

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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