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Internal Ref: 251022
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Dear,

The trust acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, referenced above. Please ensure you quote this number in any future correspondence.

FOI Request

You asked us:

Please provide the following information:

The most up to date annual cybersecurity budget that has been allocated to your NHS trust.

1. **A breakdown of the trust's annual cybersecurity budget since 2019.**
2. **How is your annual cybersecurity budget spent in the latest up to date annual figure? Please include: percentage going towards cybersecurity training for employees, towards technology investments, towards employee resources for cybersecurity team.**
3. **The number of employees working in your NHS Trust.**
4. **The number of employed, full time members of staff which make up the NHS Trust's cyber / info security team.**
5. **Number of hours of cybersecurity training employees at the Trust are required to undertake each year.**
6. **Has the Trust paid any ransom demands to cybercriminals in the last five years? If yes, how much was paid?**
7. **Has the Trust had any patient records compromised / stolen by cybercriminals in the last five years? If yes, how many?**

<u>**Formal Response**</u>

The Trust confirms it holds the information you have requested.

Please provide the following information: **-**

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1. **A breakdown of the trust's annual cybersecurity budget since 2019.**

   See answer below**.**

2. **How is your annual cybersecurity budget spent in the latest up to date annual figure? Please include: percentage going towards cybersecurity training for employees, towards technology investments, towards employee resources for cybersecurity team.**

   We do not have dedicated cybersecurity revenue budgets, these costs are bundled within other budget lines.

3. **The number of employees working in your NHS Trust.**

   Including bank workers, there are currently 5258 employees working in the Trust.

4. **The number of employed, full time members of staff which make up the NHS Trust's cyber / info security team.**

   There are 7 members of staff making up the team

5. **Number of hours of cybersecurity training employees at the Trust are required to undertake each year.**

   Statutory & Mandatory training, approximately 1 hr duration.

6. **Has the Trust paid any ransom demands to cybercriminals in the last five years? If yes, how much was paid?**

   None

7. **Has the Trust had any patient records compromised / stolen by cybercriminals in the last five years? If yes, how many?**

   None

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Next steps

Please note you will be able to source a lot of information which is made available on our website.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance, via the following email address: FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

You can ask us to review our original response. If you would like us to carry out an internal review, please let us know within 40 working days of you receiving our original response. This review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in reviewing the original response, ordinarily, the Trust Data Protection Officer.

We will endeavour to complete this request within 20 working days.

Should you remain dissatisfied then you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Complaints to the ICO should be made within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints.

Alternatively, the ICO's postal address is:
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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