

FOI2938

5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**Please provide information regarding the following 9 system contracts and their accompanying consulting support contracts:**

- 1. Bed Management**
- 2. Critical care**
- 3. Digital Dictation**
- 4. EPR**
- 5. Live operational dashboard system**
- 6. Order Communications**
- 7. Outcomes/performance benchmarking**
- 8. Pharmacy**
- 9. Sexual Health**

**Please enter 'No System Installed' or 'No Department' under supplier name if your trust does not use the system or have the department:**

- a) System type –**
- b) Supplier name –**
- c) System name –**
- d) Date installed –**
- e) Contract expiration –**
- f) Is this contract annually renewed? - Yes/No**
- g) Do you currently have plans to replace this system? - Yes/No**
- h) Procurement framework –**
- i) Other systems it integrates with? –**
- j) Total value of contract (£) –**
- k) Notes (e.g. we are currently out to tender) –**

**Can you please provide your trust's IT spend for the following financial year:  
FY 2023-24:**

**Please include in your IT spend calculation the cost of your IT staff, Software, Services, Hardware, Communication equipment and Other IT spend for the requested financial year.**

**Response:**

Please see attachment 1.

Some of the information requested in this FOI request is exempt from release under Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

This is a qualified exemption and so a Public Interest Test was carried out to decide if the information should be released or not. Having weighed up the factors for and against release, it was decided to withhold this information because the disclosure of

such information would:

a) Leave (Southern Health & Social Care Trust) patients, clients & staff more vulnerable to crime (Section 31)

#### Section 31 – Law Enforcement Section

Section 31(1)(a) states that information is exempt if its disclosure is likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. ICO guidance states that this can be used to protect information on a public authority's systems which would make it more vulnerable to crime. It can be used by a public authority that has no law enforcement function:

- To protect the work of one that does
- To withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime.

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