

FOI 3329

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

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**I would like to request details regarding radiology equipment at hospitals managed by the Southern Health and Social Care Trust, could you please provide:**

**A list of all current radiology equipment (including CT, MRI, PETCT, X-ray, fluoroscopy, ultrasound, mammography, and DXA systems) across hospitals in the HSC**

**Response:**

Please see attached.

**For each item, the following details:**

**Equipment type and manufacturer/model**

**Date of installation/commissioning**

**Date of last replacement (if applicable)**

**Planned replacement date (if scheduled)**

**Response:**

Please see attached.

Although the Southern Trust understands that there is a public interest in being open and transparent, the information including manufacturer, models and replacement timeframes is business sensitive and has the potential to leave the Trust vulnerable to cyber-attacks. By disclosing these details, this information could prejudice and compromise the Trust's network/IT security.

**In accordance with Section 31 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Law enforcement – the prevention or detection of crime, such information is exempt from disclosure.**

We believe that putting this information into the public domain would make the Trust more vulnerable to cyber-attacks. The public interest in maintaining the security of our systems and providing safe health and social care to our patients/clients outweighs the public interest in disclosure of this information.

**Any records or schedules of department-wide equipment replacement projects carried out over the past 10 years.**

**Response:**

This information is not recorded centrally and therefore retrieving it would involve a manual search of individual records. As such we cannot provide this information as the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. To obtain this information from a number of individual records would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

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