

FOI 3545

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

As part of our ongoing effort to maintain accurate and complete financial datasets across NHS Trusts, I am reaching out to kindly request the monthly “Spend over £25k” report for your organisation.

. If available, could you please provide:

- **The latest monthly report(s) covering the last 3 financial years**
- **Preferably in Excel (XLSX) or CSV format**
- **Including standard fields such as *Entity, Expense Type, Supplier, Amount, Invoice Number, Transaction Number, and Source URL* (if applicable)**

If different report structures are used internally, we are happy to adapt — any form of your official monthly spend data is welcome.

Should you require a formal request or have a dedicated contact point for such submissions, please let me know.

Response:

Please see attachment for information requested.

Please note we have excluded any payments related to IT related expenses due to cyber security risk management. Personal names have been redacted in a number of cases due to nature of payment and data protection requirements.

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 – 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.

Some personal information has also been redacted. Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act - the information is a third parties' personal data and disclosure would be likely to breach one or more of the data protection principles in the Data Protection Act.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and the requirement to consider the public interest in whether to disclose exempt information or not does not arise.

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