

Our ref: FOI 1493

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Information regarding patient monitoring equipment has now been considered and the information requested is enclosed.

**I have attached an excel spreadsheet for a list of Patient monitoring Equipment within the Southern Trust.
Could you please provide us with this information as it would be most useful and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance.**

The information requested is exempt from disclosure.

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