

FOI – 1787

25th September 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Can you please provide an update regarding details of your Trust's IT Infrastructure, including aspects of messaging, remote monitoring, etc? The eight questions are in the attached spreadsheet, which I would be grateful if you could fill in.

Response:

Please see attached response detail on pdf of spreadsheet which you provided in your request. We are unable to provide part of the information requested in your FOI as it 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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