

FOI - 1920

16th October 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

1. Which software provider does the Trust use for junior doctors rotas (e.g. DRS, RLDATIX, PatchWork etc)

The Trust does use software to monitor junior doctor's hours and create rota patterns.

We are unable to provide the name of our provider as 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:

Leave Southern HSC 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.

2. What was the annual cost for the Trust's current junior doctors rotas software in the last FY

The cost for the junior doctor's software for the last financial year was £24,054.

3. What is the contractual end date of your current junior doctors rotas software

The end date for the current contract is 30th August 2025.

4. Which software provider does the Trust use for medics rostering (e.g. Skills for Health, RLDATIX

Not all services areas use a rostering system for their rotas. The departments that use a rostering system are Anaesthetics and Emergency Medicine.

We are unable to provide the name of our provider as the information requested in this FOI request is exempt from release under Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as per response to question 1.

5. What was the annual cost and contractual end date for the Trust's current medic's rostering software in the last FY

One contract is ongoing and contractually we are unable to release the value. The second has a contract end date of 16 September 2023 with 2 optional 1-year extensions. This contract has a value of £17,155.

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