Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Information Governance Team

FOI 2573

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Q1. Can you please list the number of devices deployed by your organisation for the following?		
Device Type	**Number of Devices**	
Desktop PCs	7,123	
Laptops	3,837	
Mobile Phones	1,684	
Printers	250	
Multi Functional Devices (MFDs)	450	
Tablets	115	
Physical Servers	186	
Storage Devices (for example: NAS, SAN)	5	
Networking Infrastructure (for example: Switches, Routers, Interfaces, Wireless Access Points)	700+	
Security Infrastructure (for example: Firewalls, Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS), Virus Monitoring Tools)	Section 31(1)(a) law enforcement applies	
Q2. Does your organisation plan to procure any of the below enterprise applications or software, if yes, please provide information in the below format. **Please note, if the applications you're planning to procure are not listed below then do mention them separately.**	**2024/25 Spend/Budget (£000)**	**2025/26 Spend/Budget (£000)**
Content Management System	No	No
Supply Chain Management (SCM)	No	No
Inventory Management Software	No	No
Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) Software	No	No
Business Intelligence Systems	No	No
Other software/apps (mention the name of the software)	No	No
Q3. Do you have any plans to procure End user devices (desktop/laptop/tablet/mobile phones etc)? if yes, please provide information in the below format.	**2024/25 Spend/Budget (£000)**	**2025/26 Spend/Budget (£000)**
Desktops	400,000	No spend planned
Laptops	1,000,000	No spend planned

Mobile Phones	1,500,000	No spend planned
Tablets and Others (Please specify, if Others)	255,000	No spend planned
Q4. Do you have any plans to procure below services/softwares? if yes, please provide information in the below format.	**2024/25 Spend/Budget (£000)**	**2025/26 Spend/Budget (£000)**
Artificial Intelligence (AI)	No	No
Cyber Security	Section 31(1)(a) law enforcement applies	Section 31(1)(a) law enforcement applies

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
b) Pose a significant threat to the integrity & operation of the digital systems on which the day-to-day business of the (Southern Health & Social Care Trust) relies.

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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