FOI 1931

Date 19/01/2023

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. **What was the total number of cyber-attack incidents that have been recorded in your trust in the past 24 months?**

Section 31(1) - This question is exempt under Section 31(1) Information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice - (a) the prevention or detection of crime. It could be used to withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime for example, by disclosing its own security procedures and it is the view of this Trust that the disclosure of the requested information would prejudice our ability to resist cyber-attacks on our systems.

1. **What is the classification of your policy regarding breach response?**

Based on NCSC’s Classification

1. **Of the devices running Windows operating systems, what is the number and percentage of devices running Windows 11, Windows 10, Windows 7, Windows XP?**

This question is exempt under Section 31(1)

1. **What are the top 20 cyber security risks in your Trust, and how are they managed?**

This question is exempt under Section 31(1)

1. **Do you continue to use the Unified Cyber Risk Framework, is so how many risks are still identified/managed.**

Yes: 11

1. **What is your Patch Management Cycle and how is it implemented on old Operating systems (e.g., for Windows , Windows XP)?**

This question is exempt under Section 31(1)

1. **What is your current status on unpatched Operating Systems?**

This question is exempt under Section 31(1)

1. **Of the devices running Windows Servers operating systems, what is the number and percentage of devices running Windows 2000, Windows 2003, Windows 2008, Windows 2012, Windows 2016, Windows 2019, Windows 2022?**

This question is exempt under Section 31(1)

1. **Has your Trust signed up to and implemented the NHS Secure Boundary managed service to strengthen cyber resilience? If so, how many cyber security threats has the NHS Secure Boundary detected within your NHS Trust since its implementation?**

Yes: This information is available from provided by NHS Secure Boundary

1. **Does your Trust hold a cyber-insurance policy? If so: a. What is the name of the provider; b. How much does the service cost; and c. By how much has the price of the service increased year-to-year over the last three years?**

This question is exempt under Section 31(1)

1. **When did the current Board last receive a briefing on cybersecurity threats within healthcare, and when did they last participate in cyber security training? How frequently, if at all, do these briefings and trainings occur, and are they carried out by cyber security technology professionals?**

Sept 2022. Training is by NCSC approved provider

1. **Has your NHS Trust completed a Connection Agreement to use the Health and Social Care Network (HSCN)? If so, did you pass, and is there a copy of the code of connection?**

Yes: Yes.

1. **Have there been any incidents of staff members or personnel within your Trust being let go due to issues surrounding cyber security governance?**

No

1. **How many open vacancies for cyber security positions are there within your Trust, and is their hour capacity affected by a shortage of qualified applicants?**

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1. **Are there mandatory minimum training requirements for those transferred internally to work in cybersecurity within your Trust, and if so, how often is the training updated and revised to reflect the evolving nature of the industry?**

Yes. As often as required

1. **How much money is spent by your Trust per year on public relations related to cyber attacks? What percentage of your overall budget does this amount to?**

**Public Relations is handled by Communications Dept.**

This question is exempt under Section 31(1)

1. **Does your Trust have a Chief Information Risk Officer? If so, who do they report to?**

Yes: To the CEO

1. **When was the last time your Trust underwent a security audit? At what frequency do these audits occur?**

This question is exempt under Section 31(1)

1. **What is your strategy to ensure security in cloud computing?**

Follow NCSC’s Guideline on Cloud Security

1. **Do you purchase additional / enhanced support from a Supplier for end-of-life software (Operating Systems / Applications)? If so, what are the associated costs per year per Operating System / Application, and the total spend for enhanced support?**

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 Yours sincerely,

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