FOI 2505

Date 13/09/2023

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. Do you currently have CCTV on your neonatal unit?
2. If no to Question 1, do you have any plans to install CCTV on your neonatal unit?
3. Do you have CCTV in any other departments where patients are treated? If yes, which ones? For example: Accident & Emergency, maternity, paediatrics, etc.
4. If no to Question 3, do you have any plans to install CCTV in any departments where patients are treated? If so, which ones?

The Trust operates site-wide CCTV systems at our hospitals. The Trust will not release more detailed information regarding our security arrangements. The information which has been withheld is exempt from disclosure under section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act. The relevant parts of the ICO guidance on the subject ([https://ico.org.uk/media/fororganisations/documents/1207/law-enforcement-foi-section-31.pdf)](https://ico.org.uk/media/for%02organisations/documents/1207/law-enforcement-foi-section-31.pdf)) run as follows: 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.

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Yours sincerely,

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