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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Data Breach benchmarking and data security standards

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold some of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our apologies for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. For the financial year 2024/25, please provide the following statistics and information: • a) The total number of internal data breach incidents recorded. • b) The number of these incidents that resulted in a formal HR investigation (or equivalent disciplinary action). • c) The average number of calendar days from the date the breach was logged to the date the formal HR	1a. This information is not held. 1b. <5 65 days			

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investigation was concluded. • d) Detection Methodology: Does your Trust utilise automated monitoring or auditing software (e.g., Imprivata, FairWarning, or similar) to proactively identify inappropriate access to medical records, or do you primarily rely on manual reporting and retrospective audit logs?" 2.Does the Data Protection/Breach team utilise a shared case management system, a dedicated portal, or standard office applications	1d. Both. 2. Standard Office applications			
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(e.g., Email/MS Teams) to refer incidents to HR and track the progress of formal investigations? 3. Does the Trust have a formal Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) or Joint Protocol that defines the handover process and timelines between the Data Protection Office and HR for data breach investigations?	3. Yes.			
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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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