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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Legacy
Clinical Systems

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 the information you have requested. A response to 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. Does the Trust use legacy clinical systems for data storage, e.g. Read-only systems that are only used for patient data storage		Yes	Cyber	<p>The organisation has a dedicated Cyber Security Team and has purchased and installed many different solutions to help protect us against cyber threats. However, we will not be publicising or sharing the details of these products, solutions or vendors because we believe that in doing so, we put our self at risk.</p> <p>We will also not be publishing details around any system be it hardware or software that is either end of life or is coming to end of life as we believe that publishing this information also puts the Trust at risk. This would include but is not limited to items such as “does the trust have any machines running an out of date operating system or unsupported hardware”.</p> <p>Publication of Information relating to the organisation’s provision of cyber security software, hardware and web based solutions, could lead to those who wish to undertake any cyber attack or expose the potential for such actions to be taken by other bad actors.</p> <p>Working collaboratively with the advice from national and local collaboration, the organisation has taken the view that to share</p>
2. If yes, please provide the name of the • <input type="checkbox"/> System/s • <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier/s • <input type="checkbox"/> Current contract end date/s				
3. Is this system used Trust wide or for a limited number of departments?				

4. Please provide list of departments system is used?				such information in its broadest sense could potentially jeopardise our security provision, and inadvertently lead to a significant risk of data leakage, data loss, loss of public trust and confidence in services, and associated fines under Data Protection legislation.
5. What is the total annual licence cost of these systems per annum?				<p>With this in mind, the organisation considers that this information is exempt under Section 31 of the FOI Act for the following reasons:</p> <p>The organisation like any organisation may be subject to cyber-attacks and, since it holds large amounts of sensitive, personal and confidential information, maintaining the security of this information is extremely important. Cyber-attacks, which may amount to criminal offences for example under the Computer Misuse Act 1990 or the Data Protection Act 2018, are rated as a Tier 1 threat by the UK Government.</p>

6. If service contracts are in place, what are the total annual costs cumulatively?				In this context, providing requested information would provide information about the organisation's information security systems and its resilience to cyber-attacks. There is a very strong public interest in preventing our information systems from being subject to cyber-attacks. Providing the type of information requested would be likely to provide attackers with information relating to the state of our cyber security defences, and this is not in the public interest.
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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/>.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 1231113, email casework@ico.org.uk.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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