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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference:** Data  
Protection Services

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 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
<p>1. Current DPO arrangements</p> <p>1.1 Is the organisation's DPO and other staff that work on data protection compliance:</p> <p>(a) An internal employee</p> <p>(b) A DPO provided by an external service provider</p> <p>(c) Hybrid (internal staff with external service provider support)</p> <p>1.2 Where services are provided by external providers, please share the following information:</p> <p>(a) The Company name(s)</p> <p>(b) Annual spend by your organisation (FY2022/2023 through to FY2024/2025)</p> <p>(c) The highest day rate paid</p> <p>(d) Contract dates (start/end/renewal terms)</p> <p>(e) A brief description of the project or services provided (for instance, project title or internal reference)</p> <p>(f) Services covered (e.g., audits, breach management, SAR management, delivery of DPIAs) • Please indicate what deliverables were produced • Procurement method (e.g., open competition, framework agreement, direct award) and name of the procurement framework, if applicable.</p>	<p>1. a. Yes, An internal Employee</p> <p>1.2 N/A</p>			

<p>2. Consultancy Spend</p> <p>2.1 What is the organisation's, total annual expenditure on data protection/GDPR consultancy services?</p> <p>2.2 For SoW/projects which have a spend of more than £5k), please share the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplier company name</li> <li>• The scope of the Project (e.g., "ICO investigation support", DPIA support, Internal Audit recommendation support)</li> <li>• Spend</li> <li>• Procurement method</li> </ul>	<p>2. N/A</p> <p>2.2 N/A</p>			
<p>3. Data Protection Compliance staffing</p> <p>3.1 The Number of in-house data protection staff in the organisation? (FTE)</p> <p>3.2 Are there any vacant roles? (Yes/No)</p> <p>3.3 Where there any ICO investigations, audits, or enforcement actions for the period from FY2022/2023 to FY 2024/2025?</p>	<p>3.1 - 6.5 FTE</p> <p>3.2 – No</p> <p>3.3 – 2 /23 – 0</p> <p>23/24 – 0</p> <p>24/25 – 0</p>			
<p>4. Future Plans</p> <p>4.1 Is your organisation planning to put out to tender for any DPO/GDPR services in the current financial year?</p> <p>4.2 If yes please provide the following: Expected timeline Budget range</p>	<p>4.1 No</p> <p>4.2 N/A</p>			

Key service requirements				
Procurement method				

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](mailto: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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk).

If you would like this letter or information in an alternative format, for example large print or easy read, or if you need help with communicating with us, for example because you use British Sign Language, please let us know. You can call us on 01623 672232 or email [sfh-tr.foi.requests@nhs.net](mailto:sfh-tr.foi.requests@nhs.net).

Yours faithfully

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