

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:
My request is as follows:

1. How many cyber incidents (threat and breach) occurred in the last two years (1st of July 2022-1st of July 2024)?

The Trust is unable to provide this information and is therefore applying the exemption Section 31 (Law enforcement). See exemption detailed below*

2. For each of the following cyber incident types, please indicate if your organisation experienced them in any month from the 1st of July 2022- 1st of July 2024. If yes, specify the month(s) in which they occurred:

- Phishing attacks: Yes/No. If yes, which month(s)?
- Ransomware attacks: Yes/No. If yes, which month(s)?
- Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks: Yes/No. If yes, which month(s)?
- Data breaches: Yes/No. If yes, which month(s)?
- Malware attacks: Yes/No. If yes, which month(s)?
- Insider attacks: Yes/No. If yes, which month(s)?
- Cloud security incidents: Yes/No. If yes, which month(s)?
- Social engineering attacks (excluding phishing): Yes/No. If yes, which month(s)?
- Zero-day exploits: Yes/No. If yes, which month(s)?

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3. For each of the following supplier types, please indicate if any cyber incidents related to them occurred between the 1st of July 2022-1st of July 2024. If yes, specify the volume of cyber incidents that occurred:

- IT service providers: Yes/No
- Medical equipment suppliers: Yes/No
- Software vendors: Yes/No
- Cloud service providers: Yes/No
- Data storage/management companies: Yes/No
- Telecommunications providers: Yes/No
- Security service providers: Yes/No
- Managed service providers (MSPs): Yes/No
- Third-party payment processors: Yes/No

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4. During the period from 1st of July 2022 -1st of July 2024, did your organisation experience any of the following impacts due to cyber incidents?

- Were any appointments rescheduled due to cyber incidents? Yes/No
- Was there any system downtime lasting more than 1 hour? Yes/No
- Did any data breaches occur? Yes/No
- Were any patients affected by data breaches? Yes/No

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5. What percentage of your cybersecurity budget is allocated to each of the following supply chain security technologies? Please indicate the percentage for each:

- Third-party risk assessment tools: ___%
- Vendor management systems: ___%
- Supply chain visibility and monitoring solutions: ___%
- Secure data sharing platforms: ___%
- Multi-factor authentication for supplier access: ___%
- Endpoint detection and response (EDR) for supplier systems: ___%
- API security solutions: ___%

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Publication Scheme:

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*31 Law enforcement.

(1) Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice—

- (a) the prevention or detection of crime,
- (b) the apprehension or prosecution of offenders,
- (c) the administration of justice,
- (d) the assessment or collection of any tax or duty or of any imposition of a similar nature,
- (e) the operation of the immigration controls,
- (f) the maintenance of security and good order in prisons or in other institutions where persons are lawfully detained,
- (g) the exercise by any public authority of its functions for any of the purposes specified in subsection (2),
- (h) any civil proceedings which are brought by or on behalf of a public authority and arise out of an investigation conducted, for any of the purposes specified in subsection (2), by or on behalf of the authority by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative or by virtue of powers conferred by or under an enactment, or

(i) any inquiry held under the [F1Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016] to the extent that the inquiry arises out of an investigation conducted, for any of the purposes specified in subsection (2), by or on behalf of the authority by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative or by virtue of powers conferred by or under an enactment.

(2) The purposes referred to in subsection (1)(g) to (i) are—

- (a) the purpose of ascertaining whether any person has failed to comply with the law,
- (b) the purpose of ascertaining whether any person is responsible for any conduct which is improper,
- (c) the purpose of ascertaining whether circumstances which would justify regulatory action in pursuance of any enactment exist or may arise,
- (d) the purpose of ascertaining a person's fitness or competence in relation to the management of bodies corporate or in relation to any profession or other activity which he is, or seeks to become, authorised to carry on,
- (e) the purpose of ascertaining the cause of an accident,
- (f) the purpose of protecting charities against misconduct or mismanagement (whether by trustees or other persons) in their administration,
- (g) the purpose of protecting the property of charities from loss or misapplication,
- (h) the purpose of recovering the property of charities,
- (i) the purpose of securing the health, safety and welfare of persons at work, and
- (j) the purpose of protecting persons other than persons at work against risk to health or safety arising out of or in connection with the actions of persons at work.

(3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice any of the matters mentioned in subsection (1).