

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

1. For each of the specified years please provide your trust's total IT spend on infrastructure  
DEFINITION: This is the total IT spend for your trust and will include Hardware (eg laptops/Desktops) and Infrastructure (e.g. Cloud), as well as spend on external organisations providing services to your trust.  
  
A) 2021/2022 [£]  
[£2.6m](#)  
  
B) 2022/2023 [£]  
[£3.4m](#)
  
2. What percentage of your servers are virtualised?  
Virtualised Servers  
DEFINITION: A virtual server re-creates the functionality of a dedicated physical server. It exists transparently to users as a partitioned space inside a physical server.  
  
A) % Virtualised  
[99%](#)  
  
B) Main supplier  
[VMware](#)  
  
Additional notes
  
3. In relation to your trust's servers please provide the requested information  
A) Number of servers  
[24 UCS Blades](#)  
  
B) Owned or Leased  
[Owned](#)  
  
C) Average age of servers  
[3 Years](#)  
  
D) Main supplier  
[Cisco](#)  
  
E) Annual spend 2022/2023 [£]  
[£290k \(Cisco Support contract\)](#)  
  
Additional notes

4. For each element detailed below, how does your organisation manage its data storage?

In-house data centre

DEFINITION: Physical or virtual servers that are connected internally and externally through networking and communication equipment to store, transfer and access digital information

Shared service

DEFINITION: The consolidation of business operations that are used by multiple parts of the same organization.

Data Storage Management

DEFINITION: The management of various data storage methods used in the Trust

Other (please specify)

A) On Premises

B) Off Premises

C) Main supplier

D) Annual spend FY 2022/2023 [£]

E) Contract end date

F) Additional notes

This information is exempt under Section 31 (1a) of the Freedom of Information Act as disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.

Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust believe that releasing this information would enable cyber criminals to identify and take advantage of any weaknesses within the security of trust services. This would put patient & trust information at risk, including clinical, financial, and sensitive personal data. We therefore apply section 31(1)(a). Section 31 is a qualified exemption, so we have considered the public interest, but we believe that on this occasion the risk to data outweighs the public interest in cyber security concerns.

5. Please outline your trust's WiFi coverage for each element listed below

Community wide (e.g. CoIN - Community of Interest Network)

Enterprise wide (whole campus)

Main building only

Sections of building(s) only

A) Mobile phone signal enabled through WiFi

No wireless networks are used in the Trust

B) Patient WiFi coverage

Provided in Inpatient (not Forensic) and outpatient areas

C) Staff WiFi coverage

Provide in 99% of buildings where the trust operate services

6. For each device detailed below please provide the requested information

Smartphones

Laptops

PCs

Tablets

Other (please specify):

A) Average age of product (Years)

4

Number of devices across your organisation

B) Smartphones

3000

C) Laptops

6000

D) PCs

2500

E) Tablets

100

Main supplier

A) Smartphones

Apple

B) Laptops

Dell

C) PCs

Dell

D) Tablets

Apple

E) Annual spend 2022/2023 [£]

£1.92m

\*The above annual spend is inclusive of network charges.

F) Contract end date

No contracts in place for endpoint devices.

G) Average length of contract (Years)

Devices refreshed on a 5 year cycle

Additional notes

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