

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-728

23 October 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

1. In 2023, what annual cybersecurity budget has been allocated to your NHS Trust?

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2. Can you also provide your Trust's annual cybersecurity budget for the years:

- 2022**
- 2021**
- 2020**
- 2019**
- 2018**
- 2017**

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3. In 2023, how is your annual cybersecurity budget spent:

- What percentage goes towards cybersecurity training for employees?**
- What percentage goes towards technology investments?**

c. What percentage goes towards employee resources for your cybersecurity team?

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4. How many employees work in your NHS Trust?

12,959 staff

5. How many employed, full-time members of staff make up your NHS Trust's cyber/infosecurity team?

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6. How many hours of cybersecurity training are employees of your NHS Trust required to undertake every year?

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7. Has your NHS Trust paid any ransom demands to cybercriminals in the last five years?

No.

a. If yes, how much did you pay in total?

Not applicable.

8. Has your NHS Trust had any patient records compromised / stolen by cybercriminals in the last five years?

a. If yes, how many records were compromised / stolen?

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This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, 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:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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