

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 21-411**

13 August 2021

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 hold some the information you are requesting

**The total Information Technology budget of your trust in the four financial years from 2017 to 2021.**

**FY 2017-18 - £9,834,448**

**FY 2018-19 - £10,678,042**

**FY 2019-20 - £10,890,857**

**FY 2020-21 - £12,644,404**

**Note: Request 1 is our highest priority – please return your response to 1 as soon as it is ready. If points 2 and 3 result in a greater administrative burden or cost of research, then we are happy for you to respond with these at a later date.**

**Information request #2:**

**2. The total Information Technology budget of your trust in the four financial years from 2017 to 2021, broken down into the following categories:**

- **Hardware**
- **Software**
- **Services**
- **Staff**

**IT budget**

**FY 2017-18 FY 2018-19 FY 2019-20 FY 2020-21**

**Hardware (£)**

**Software (£)**

**Services (£)**

**Staff (£)**

**Note: If the above categories do not correspond to your accounts, please attach a copy showing the categories and the corresponding numbers which you do have. Any**

**breakdown of the IT budget would be useful, even if it is not exactly the same as the above.**

**Information request #3:**

**3. Breakdown of your trust's Information Technology budget for the four financial years from 2017 to 2021, broken down into the highest level of detail that is readily available, including subcategories. Example of these may include but are not limited to:**

- **Security hardware**
- **Operating systems**
- **Security software**
- **Other software**
- **Etc.**

**If you hold this information, please return it electronically.**

Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

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:

Director of Corporate Governance  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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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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