



FOI REF: 21/025

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- 1) **What Accounts Payable/Internal Audit software do you currently use for overpayment identification/preventing (including, but not limited to duplicate invoices, fraud)**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust can neither confirm nor deny we have software.

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, it is applying a Section 31(1)a exemption because disclosure of this information under the Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.

The Trust considers that the release of the information about our IT hardware and systems would make the Trust more vulnerable to crime.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in preventing the prejudice outweighs the public interest in disclosure due to the significant impact a successful cyber-attack can have.

- 2) **Are you currently contracted with Fiscal Technologies?**

No.

- 3) **Have you ever been contracted with Fiscal Technologies?**

Not within the last 7 years.

4) If the answer is yes to 2 or 3, please provide:

- a. Start Date, Review Date & End Date**
- b. Contract Value (Total & Annual)**
- c. Contact person for the contract**

[Not applicable.](#)

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to Lynette Wells, Director of Corporate Affairs, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (lynette.wells2@nhs.net) quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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