

FOI REF: 21/318

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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) Number of current pagers/alarms being used within your organization

117.

2) Your current Supplier of Pagers/Alarms

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3) Your Current Yearly cost of Pagers/Alarms

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice its commercial interests.

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 withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

**4) Name of Department/Person who manages your pagers/alarm contract
Telecoms Manager**

John Avann

Senior Network Consultant - Responsible for the technical side of telecoms.

Switchboard Manager

According to our Freedom of Information Policy we only release the names and contact details of staff on Grade 8a and above. The post of Switchboard Manager is below a Grade 8a and therefore the details requested cannot be provided.

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I can confirm however, that our Director of ESHT Digital is Andy Bissenden, and has overall responsibility for the Switchboard Manager's roles.

5) What are your contract renewal dates for your pagers/ alarms

1st August 2023.

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 the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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