

FOI REF: 23/076

17th April 2023

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:

a. Who provides your WAN and internet connectivity and the annual spend on each

BT provide WAN with Internet via HSCN and NHS Secure Boundary.

We do not hold enough detail to be able to breakdown the annual spend as requested.

b. Who provides your SIP trunks and what is the annual spend

Gamma via OPUS.

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested in respect of annual spend, 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.

We have concluded that by providing the annual value could cause harm to the Trust as this could distort the market-place and therefore, result in the Trust not obtaining best value for money.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

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- c. Who provides your WAN services, is this MPLS, SD WAN or Internet, and what is the annual spend**

BT provide WAN: CoIN and HSCN.

We do not hold enough detail to be able to breakdown the annual spend as requested.

- d. Who provides your LAN infrastructure and what is your annual spend**

Alcatel.

We do not hold enough detail to be able to breakdown the annual spend as requested.

- e. Who provides your WIFI infrastructure and what is your annual spend**

Aruba.

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- f. Please confirm the manufacturer(s) of your wired network core and edge switching?**

Alcatel provide both core and edge switching.

- g. When was your core network installed?**

Circa 5 years ago.

- h. Has it been updated subsequently?**

New system in delivery.

- i. Who maintains your core network?**

NTT.

- j. When is the contract renewal date?**

March 2024.

- k. Please confirm value of the initial project?**

Circa £500k.

I. Please confirm the value of annual support/maintenance services (in £)?

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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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

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