



FOI REF: 23/339

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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:

Your building for our future programme summary includes the following quote from surveys of the Trust estate completed in August 2019:

“Major repair or replacement is needed in the short to medium term or there is a serious risk of major failure or breakdown”.

Please can I request the full report of this survey?

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 any major repair or replacement needed 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 criminal attack can have.

The information you have requested is also exempt under section 38(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to:

- (a) endanger the physical or mental health of any individual, or
- (b) endanger the safety of any individual.

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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:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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