

FOI REF: 25/562

26th August 2025**Eastbourne District General Hospital**Kings Drive
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I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

1. **Does your organisation currently use or maintain any of the following legacy Oracle systems?**
 - a. **Oracle 8**
 - b. **Oracle 9i**
 - c. **Oracle Forms (any version)**

Section 17 Notice of Refusal

Under FOIA Section 31(3) the Trust neither confirm nor deny it holds the information requested and 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 this information would provide information about the NHS Trust's information security systems and its resilience to cyber-attacks which 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 cyber-attack can have on staff, patients and the wider community.

2. **If so, please provide:**
 - a. **The name and version of the system(s)**
 - b. **The department(s) or function(s) using the system**
 - c. **Whether there are any planned upgrade or decommissioning projects in place**

Section 31(3) applied, please see above.

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d. The name and role of the responsible officer (e.g., CIO, CTO, CFO)

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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.

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Yours sincerely

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