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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:

I'd like to request the following information please for each organisation that operates under this FOI email (if the answers are different for each organisation/there are multiple organisations).

- 1. Name of organisation SIRO (Senior Information Risk Owner) or similar post (Chief Information Governance Officer etc), or responsible person for SIRO duties. There may be more than one SIRO.**

Richard Milner
Chief of Staff

- 2. Contact email of person or persons named in question 1.**

We are unable to provide the contact details of staff as we consider this information to be exempt from release in accordance with section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act (Prohibition on disclosure) and would refer to the Privacy and Electronic Communications EC Directive Regulations 2003 which provide specific rules on electronic communication services, including marketing (by phone, fax, email or text) and keeping communications services secure. We will not provide any information that could result in the transmission of unsolicited communications which may place an unacceptable risk to our email network and could also have a detrimental impact on patient care and treatment.

The contact number for the Trust are accessible on the Trust website <http://www.esht.nhs.uk>.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

- 3. Name of organisation DPO (Data Protection Officer) or responsible person for DPO duties.**

Ruth Paine
Information Governance Lead and Data Protection Officer

4. Contact email of DPO.

Section 44 applied, please refer to question 2.

5. Have you appointed, or do you plan on appointing or delegating the position of IAO to any employees?

Yes.

6. Who is responsible for the leading IAO structure, I.E. the SIRO/'Lead' IAO/Head of Governance/Head of Corporate Services etc?

SIRO holds overarching responsibility.

7. Who is responsible for reviewing and implementing any training needs for the IAO's?

We do not hold this information at this time as it is currently under review.

8. In relation to questions 6 and 7, can we please be provided with the contact email address of the appropriate person?

Section 44 applied, please refer to question 2.

9. Is IAO training delivered by an external third party or internally?

We do not hold this information at this time as it is currently under review.

10. Are you or have you considered becoming ISO 27001 compliant or certified?

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.

a. If so when?

Section 31(3) applied, please refer to question 10.

- 11. Following on from Q10, If so whom is/would be responsible for implementation or exploration of ISO 27001? (as in, the person/job title/email address)**

Section 31(3) applied, please refer to question 10.

- 12. Who is the person responsible for the physical security controls in your estate e.g. CCTV, Lighting, barriers, intrusion detection and fencing.**

John Kirk
Ancillaries Manager/Security Manager

And the Trust's 'Trust Security Advisor'.

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

- 13. In relation to question 12 when was the effectiveness of these controls last reviewed?**

The controls are subject to ongoing reviews and risk assessments and effectiveness checks.

- 14. In relation to question 12 can we please be provided with the name/job title and email address of this person?**

Please refer to question 12 for the name. Section 44 applied to the email address, please refer to question 2.

- 15. Who would be the person responsible for the organisation of external training within your organisation. E.g. Head of learning and development / HR Manager.**

Assistant Director of Integrated Education. However, the actual organisation of any external training may be undertaken by any of the Deputy Heads for Education, depending on the course required.

- 16. Can you please provide the name/job title and email address for the person in question 15?**

Dawn Urquhart
Assistant Director of Integrated Education

Section 44 applied to the email address, please refer to question 2.

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
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Yours sincerely

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