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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

Please provide the following information.

- 1. Please provide the record from the organisation's Contract Register or equivalent procurement log entry pertaining to the current contract for the Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) solution (Include Supplier, Product Name, Start Date, Expiry Date, Annual spend 2025/2026 [£], Additional notes [including any framework used]).**

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. Please provide the following information for the current maintenance and licensing agreement for the primary Perimeter Firewall/Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) solution (Include Supplier, Product Name, Start Date, Expiry Date, Annual spend 2025/2026 [£], Additional notes [including any framework used]).**

Sections 31(1)(a) and 31(3) applied, please refer to question 1.

- 3. Please provide the following information for the service agreement covering the Cloud Security Posture Management (CSPM) platform or equivalent third-party cloud security monitoring too (Include Supplier, Product Name, Start Date, Expiry Date, Annual spend 2025/2026 [£], Additional notes [including any framework used])**

Sections 31(1)(a) and 31(3) applied, please refer to question 1.

- 4. Please provide the following information for the service agreement covering your Identity & Access Management (IAM) software (Include Supplier, Product Name, Start Date, Expiry Date, Annual spend 2025/2026 [£], Additional notes [including any framework used])**

Sections 31(1)(a) and 31(3) applied, please refer to question 1.

- 5. Please provide the record from the organisation's Contract Register or equivalent procurement log entry pertaining to the current contract for your current Managed Security / SOC Services (Include Supplier, Product Name, Start Date, Expiry Date, Annual spend 2025/2026 [£], Additional notes [including any framework used])**

Sections 31(1)(a) and 31(3) applied, please refer to question 1.

- 6. Please provide the record from the organisation's Contract Register or equivalent procurement log entry pertaining to the current contract for your current Vulnerability & Compliance Management service (Include Supplier, Product Name, Start Date, Expiry Date, Annual spend 2025/2026 [£], Additional notes [including any framework used])**

Sections 31(1)(a) and 31(3) applied, please refer to question 1.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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