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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:

**I am writing to make a formal request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding your Trust's protocols and data breach figures concerning unauthorised staff access to patient medical records.**

**Please provide the following information:**

1. **Proactive Digital Auditing: Does your Trust currently run regular, proactive, or routine digital audits/spot-checks on electronic patient record systems to detect unauthorised staff access? If yes, how frequently are these audits conducted?**

   No.

2. **Proactive Digital Auditing Solution: Does your Trust currently use an automated Solution that proactively identifies unauthorised staff access on electronic patient record systems?**

   No.

3. **Recorded Breaches: How many internal data breaches or incidents of unauthorised access to patient medical records by staff members were investigated by your Trust between January 2021 and the present date?**

   73.

4. **External Referrals: How many of these cases were formally referred to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)?**

   6.

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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