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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/015157 – Windows 7 & 10

I hope this finds you well. I am contacting you to conduct a Freedom of Information request about the use of the Windows 7 operating system within NHS Trusts following its end of life earlier this month. I am aware that as part of the transition period to Windows 10, NHS digital has negotiated with Microsoft to provide Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection (WDATP) for Trusts that have committed to migrating from their current Windows 7/8 estates to Windows 10. In light of this I have several questions for your specific Trust that I would greatly appreciate a response to:

1. Has your NHS Trust opted in to the Department of Health and Social Care's WDATP scheme? - Yes

2. At the time of inquiry, how many devices are currently running Windows 7? - It is imperative that the Trust is cyber resilient. Cyber-attacks against infrastructure have the potential to inflict significant, real-life disruption and prevent access to critical services that are vital to the functioning of Trust systems, information security and patient health.

Therefore we are holding this information under section 31 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000: Information ... is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice –

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3. Will all of the trust devices be updated to Windows 10 by 14 January 2021? - Yes

4. Were software or hardware security issues the main reason for requiring an extension past Windows 7's EoL on 14 Jan 2020? - Software

5. How much will it cost in man-hours to complete the migration to Windows 10? - It is imperative that the Trust is cyber resilient. Cyber-attacks against infrastructure have the potential to inflict significant, real-life disruption and prevent access to critical services that are vital to the functioning of Trust systems, information security and patient health.

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