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Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

I would like to request under the Freedom of Information Act details on ransomware attacks on your organisation between 2019 and 2024.

For the avoidance of doubt, a ransomware attack is a type of cyberattack which prevents an organisation accessing their own files or computer networks after criminals manage to infect the system with malware. These type of attacks involve the criminals demanding payment for a key to restore access to the files.

In particular, I would like to know the number of ransomware attacks on your organisation between 2019 and 2024.

I would like to know the number of successful attacks on your system.

I would also like to know the cost of these attacks on your organisation, including the amount of ransom or payments made to restore access to your systems.

I would appreciate it if you could break down the figures for each year.

I would also appreciate it if you could supply the data on an excel spreadsheet or other type of .CSV file.

Response

Exemption 43 (2) applied given the organisation considers this level of information commercially sensitive from an information security perspective. The public interest test set out in section 2(2)(b) supports application of exemption 43 (2) given there is a greater public interest in maintaining the exemption 43 (2) outweighing the public interest in disclosure in order to protect public and public services against cyber security threats.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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