

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act Reference 2023.236**  
**Released 20 October 2023**

Thank you for your email which was received on the 2 October 2023 requesting information regarding cyber security.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

**Summary of your original request:**

**1. In 2023, what annual cybersecurity budget has been allocated to your NHS Trust?**

The Trust does not have a specific Cyber Security budget. Cyber security is contained within centralised IT service delivery.

**2. Can you also provide your Trust's annual cybersecurity budget for the years:**

- a. 2022
- b. 2021
- c. 2020
- d. 2019
- e. 2018
- f. 2017

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**3. In 2023, how is your annual cybersecurity budget spent:**

- a. What percentage goes towards cybersecurity training for employees?
- b. What percentage goes towards technology investments?
- c. What percentage goes towards employee resources for your cybersecurity team?

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**4. How many employees work in your NHS Trust?**

Headcount – 5310

**5. How many employed, full-time members of staff make up your NHS Trust's cyber/infosecurity team?**

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**6. How many hours of cybersecurity training are employees of your NHS Trust required to undertake every year?**

Cyber security staff undertake 45 hours per year cyber training.  
General trust staff have to take data security awareness (IG) training.

**7. Has your NHS Trust paid any ransom demands to cybercriminals in the last five years?**

**a. If yes, how much did you pay in total?**

No, none.

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**8. Has your NHS Trust had any patient records compromised / stolen by cybercriminals in the last five years?**

**a. If yes, how many records were compromised / stolen?**

No, none.