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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding mobile device estates within Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/Response:

I am carrying out some research relating to the level of security currently used by NHS Trusts on mobile device estates. Please could I ask you to respond to this Freedom Of Information request on behalf of your Trust?

Please see appendix 1

For questions 3-5 & 10-17 the following applies –

**Partial Refusal Notice*

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide all of the information you have requested. We do hold the information but a qualified exemption applies and in the public interest it has been decided not to provide the information you have requested.

The qualified exemption is as follows:

Section 31 – Prevention or detection of crime. NHS South Sefton / Southport & Formby CCG's have applied Section 31 of the FOI Act to this request as providing the information you have requested could compromise the security of the NHS network / NHS data. This exemption is subject to the public interest test and we have taken account the public interest in transparency and in understanding how NHS digital systems function and what systems are employed. However, I can advise that NHS South Sefton / Southport & Formby CCG's have assessed that there are significant factors in favour of withholding the information that outweigh those in favour of publication.

Information requested that provides details of our network security, threat detection and prevention systems, the size of the network, number and types of devices and their MDM systems are details that can be used to develop or refine an attack on our network. As such, it is not in public interest to provide this information.