

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

Reference

20-21045

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Subject

IT - Internet and Active Directory Provisions

Details of enquiry

1. How many people are employed by your organisation, including full time and part time?
2. What is your current intranet solution? (Sharepoint, Wordpress, Invotra, etc)
3. How long have you been using this intranet solution?
4. When is your intranet contract up for renewal?
5. What is your annual intranet budget?
6. Do you share an intranet/IT services with other organisations, if so who?
7. Which team and/or individual(s) are responsible for managing your intranet internally?
8. Are you using the Office 365 suite? If so, which applications from the suite are in use?
9. Which team and/or individual(s) are responsible for your intranet's procurement within the organisation?
10. Is your Active Directory hosted on-premise, or in the cloud?
11. Could you provide us with a link to your Digital Workplace Strategy?

Response Sent

1. How many people are employed by your organisation, including full time and part time?
This data is publicly available at
<https://files.digital.nhs.uk/FB/ECECEE/NHS%20Workforce%20Statistics%2C%20March%202020%20England%20and%20Organisation.xlsx>
6. Do you share an intranet/IT services with other organisations, if so who?
No.
7. Which team and/or individual(s) are responsible for managing your intranet internally?
Our Communications team
9. Which team and/or individual(s) are responsible for your intranet's procurement within the organisation?
Our Procurement team
11. Could you provide a link to your Digital Workplace Strategy
We do not hold a document with the title specified. However, all our Trust strategies, policies and procedures are published at <https://tavistockandportman.nhs.uk/about-us/governance/policies-and-procedures/>.

With regard to your remaining questions, we would first explain that the FOIA gives people a right of access to official recorded information that exists at the time of the request. It does not require the authority to answer questions where this would require creating new information. This applies to the below questions, where no specific data is recorded:

3. How long have you been using this Intranet solution?
4. When is your Intranet contract up for renewal?

The remaining questions relate to disclosure of information that we have concluded is exempt from disclosure.

5. What is your annual intranet budget?

We can confirm that the Trust holds this information. You can find detailed information on expenditure, including information technology, in our published accounts which can be found at: <https://tavistockandportman.nhs.uk/about-us/governance/reports-and-accounts/>.

We are withholding specific information about any intranet budget under Section 43(2) *Prejudice to commercial interests*.

- Section 43(2) is a qualified exemption that requires the authority to carry out the public interest test. We have carried out the public interest test and have concluded that disclosure would be likely to prejudice or harm the Trust's commercial interests. We have set out below the public interest arguments which we have considered.

Arguments in favour of disclosure:

- Promoting accountability and transparency on how public funds are utilised and spent

Arguments in favour of maintaining the exemption:

- This is a competitive environment, in which disclosure could result in the contractors increasing their prices/tender offer based on the perceived budget available
- An increase in price on this basis could result in the Trust having to pay more for services or supplies
- Disclosure could impact on the Trust's ability to negotiate with contractors
- The Trust must ensure value for money and disclosure could, therefore, adversely impact on value for money

We have concluded that, on balance, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

2. What is your current Intranet solution?
8. Are you using Office 365 suite? If so which applications from the suite are in use?
10. Is your Active Directory hosted on premise or in the cloud?

We can confirm that the Trust holds this information. We are withholding this information under s.31(a) *Law Enforcement: the prevention or detection of crime*. S.31(a) is a qualified exemption that requires the authority to carry out the public interest test. We have carried out the public interest test and have set out below the public interest arguments which we have considered:

Arguments in favour of disclosure:

- Promoting accountability and transparency on how public funds are utilised and spent

Arguments in favour of maintaining the exemption:

- The Trust has a duty to ensure that its information systems and assets are kept secure
- Disclosure of the requested information could facilitate criminal activity, in particular cybercrime, and especially when combined with other information already in the public domain or which could be gleaned from other sources, including any information that the Trust has previously provided or may be forced to disclose in the future.
- Disclosure of the requested information could, therefore, increase vulnerability to malicious attack, including the corruption, loss or non availability of data or systems, which would impact on the Trust's ability to provide essential services
- These vulnerabilities could extend to suppliers on whose services the Trust relies.

We have concluded that, on balance, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.