

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/20/365

### IT Security

#### **Request details**

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information for: Cardiff & Vale University Health Board

#### **1. Who is responsible for your Windows 10 desktop migration? Name/Role and contact details if available.**

After considering your request, the UHB believes that the data requested is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test. However, to comply with our Section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance, I would like to inform you that the role is Assistant Director of IT.

#### **2. How many end users do you have across the Trust?**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) is withholding this information, relying on Section 31 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (prevention and detection of crime). Specifically, the UHB believes that disclosing details regarding its ICT infrastructure, or support of that infrastructure, would be likely to prejudice the prevention of crime, particularly cyber-crime. As this is a qualified exemption, the UHB is required to complete a public interest test in deciding whether it is in the public's interest to withhold or disclose the information.

#### **Public Interest Test:**

**In favour of disclosure:** The UHB recognises there is a public interest in transparency and in public authorities demonstrating that their systems effectively protect personal data.

**Against disclosure:** There is a very strong public interest in protecting the extremely sensitive data held by the UHB. Cyber Security and the associated Cyber-Risk / Cyber-Attacks represent a rapidly evolving arena that becomes more complex and dangerous with time. Releasing details of the UHB's ICT infrastructure into the public domain significantly reduces its capacity to manage this threat to the stated public interest by exposing potential vulnerabilities.

**Decision:** The UHB considers that the public interest in withholding the information is significantly greater than any interest there may be in disclosing it and potentially exposing sensitive personal data to an increased level of risk. The UHB strongly believes that posing additional unnecessary risk to the UHB, and consequently patient care and safety, would be viewed as an unacceptable risk by the public. Whilst the UHB acknowledges a public interest

in providing assurances of effective protection of personal data, it believes the most effective means of increasing public confidence in data protection is to successfully protect the data itself. The UHB considers its responsibility to protect the personal data of patients and staff to be of the highest importance. It was therefore decided that it was not in the public's interest to disclose this information.

**3. How many Windows end point devices do you have?**

Please refer to question 2.

**4. Roughly what % are running on Windows 7?**

Please refer to question 2.

**5. Does the Trust still use Java and Internet Explore based applications?**

Please refer to question 2.

**6. Is the Trust Cyber Essentials Plus accredited?**

Please refer to question 2.

**7. Does the Trust have devices that still require Windows 7 technology to work such as scanners and printers?**

Please refer to question 2.

**8. Who is responsible for IT Security? Name / Role and contact details if available.**

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