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**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/059**  
**IT Hardware**

**Information Requested:**

**1. Can you please list the number of devices deployed by your organisation for the following?**

DEVICE TYPE	NUMBER OF DEVICES
Desktop PCs and Laptops	14,000 approx.
Mobile Phones (Smartphones, PDAs handheld devices)	2,000 approx.
Printers	Cardiff and Vale UHB does not have a central record of this information. However, we believe that we have 2,500 approx.
Tablets	Cardiff and Vale UHB does not hold this data.
Servers	500
Storage Devices	*
Networking Infrastructure (E.g., Switches, Routers, etc)	6,000
Security Infrastructure	*

\*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.

**2. Does your organisation have any plans for refreshing or replacing the above devices, if so, can you please provide the indicative or projected expenditure in the below format?**

REPLACE/REFRESH PROGRAMME:

IT OR ICT HARDWARE EXPENDITURE			
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Desktop PCs and Laptops	2,800	2,800	2,800
Mobile Phones (Smartphones, PDAs, handheld devices)	400	400	400
Printers			
Tablets	N/A	N/A	N/A
Servers	100	100	100
Storage Devices	*	*	*
Networking Infrastructure	2,000	2,000	2,000
Security Infrastructure	*	*	*

Note: If the projected expenditure is not available, list the years when the refresh/replacement is due or planned for the above devices.

\*Please see above

**3. Does your organisation have any plans for developing, refreshing, or replacing IT or ICT software applications?**

Please see attached.

- CAV\_Digital Strategy

