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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4390

I am writing in response to your request for an internal review submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, this internal review was received on 2nd September 2020.
Your original request was as follows:

Regarding the section 31 exemption for the name of the supplier, I don't believe a security threat to be valid from the information requested. Much more detailed information would be considered to increase vulnerability I'm sure, such as product serial numbers, usernames and passwords, etc; but I fail to see how disclosing the information I've requested could pose a threat to the cyber security of the organisation.

I would like to submit an internal review as I don't believe that this information could pose a threat to the organisation's security I'm just trying to understand the seriousness of this exemption as other organisations are providing this information. What procedures does the organisation have in place if a member of staff was to disclose this information?

In order to exempt this information you must be able to show how the release of this information could be a detriment to the security of the organisation.

Please see our response below in [blue](#).

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) has now conducted an internal review following on from your original request which was dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Our Internal Review Process details that one of three outcomes can be made from this, the outcomes are as follows:

- The original response is upheld; or
- The original response is reversed in part or in full; or
- The original response is modified.

I should explain that the FOI Act is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOI Act does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

[Following on from the internal review where we have assessed all options and have made the decision to modify the original response to include appliance manufacturers. Here at WCFT we do not disclose information on our network in-line with our ISO27001 library and certification, as it is often the sum of all part that can leave an organisation vulnerable; however we have released the appliance sum of all parts and hope this is sufficient for your needs. I hope you understand we must put our patient's data at the forefront of security and this can sometimes be seen as a grey area.](#)

Here at The Walton Centre we use the following:



Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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