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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5622**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 02nd March 2023.

Your request was as follows:

1. 2023/24 IT Department Documents ;- these types of documents have detailed information on the department's future plans and strategies. These documents include:

ICT Strategy/Plan, ICT Department Plan, ICT Financial Plan

2. ICT Org Chart ;- with names and job titles

3. Corporate Procurement Strategy that covers 2023/24 and more.

For all the documents I have requested, please provide me with the 2023/24 documents, I only want to only receive documents that are live and valid. If the document is a strategic plan (e.g. 2020-2025) that covers a set number of years, please provide me with the 2023 version.

I also require the full version of the documents i have requested, if any parts of the document is missing, please state this in the response

1 - Section 21 - Information already reasonably accessible to you

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), as it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you have requested is published on The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) website. Please use the following link:

<https://www.thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk/reports-and-publications/digital-transformation-strategy-2020/485465>

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test. This response therefore acts as a refusal notice under section 17



of the FOIA.

2 - Please see attached.

3 - I confirm that The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust holds the information you have requested. However, I am unable to provide you with that information as I consider that the following exemptions apply to it:

Section 22 - Information is intended for future publication:

The information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under Section 22(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). There is a clear intention to publish the information at a future date and in line with section 22(1)(c) it is considered reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date of publication.

As stated above, the information you have requested will be published onto The Walton Centre Website once the strategy has been completed.

As a result, we believe that the information is intended for future publication and will be made accessible to you.

Public Interest Test

To use this exception we are required to undertake a public interest test. The matters which were considered in applying the public interest test are as follows:

Factors in favour of disclosure:

- Disclosure of the information supports the public interest in the transparency, accountability, and general understanding of the financial situation of the public authority.

Factors in favour of withholding:

- The information is not yet complete and releasing incomplete data may lead to false conclusions.

This response therefore acts as a refusal notice under section 17 of the FOIA.

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

### Re-Use of Public Sector Information

All information supplied by the Trust in answering a request for information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 will be subject to the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005, Statutory Instrument 2005 No. 1515 which came into effect on 1st July 2005.

Under the terms of the Regulations, the Trust will licence the re-use of any or all information supplied if being used in a form and for the purpose other than which it was originally supplied. This license for re-use will be in line with the requirements of the Regulations and the licensing terms and fees as laid down by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI). Most licenses will be free; however the Trust reserves the right, in certain circumstances, to charge a fee for the re-use of some information which it deems to be of commercial value.

Further information can be found at [www.opsi.gov.uk](http://www.opsi.gov.uk) where a sample license terms and fees can be found with guidance on copyright and publishing notes and a Guide to Best Practice and regulated advice and case studies, at [www.opsi.gov.uk/advice/psi-regulations/index.htm](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/advice/psi-regulations/index.htm)

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5622 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 by:

Post: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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