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Dear Mr Connelly

### **Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing to you further to your request for information about:

- IT hardware procurement

The Trust has examined the records held within the IM&T department and I can provide the following information

You have requested a complete list of suppliers/contractors and consultants that have been used over the past year when procuring IT hardware and the total spend on IT hardware during the past year. You have also asked for this to be broken down to show what brand servers, networking and desktop hardware were purchased with a spend amount in each segment.

The Trust publishes information about suppliers and contractors on its website therefore this information is exempt under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means). The information is at [http://www.bcf.nhs.uk/about\\_us/supplies-procurement/index](http://www.bcf.nhs.uk/about_us/supplies-procurement/index)

The main companies that provide IT hardware are Dell, HP, IBM, PCS, Logicalis, Cisco, Eurodata, Intercept IT Limited, VMware and Cygina Technologies.

In 2008/09, total IT Purchases (Hardware/Software) totalled £40,400. Computer maintenance/IT contracts totalled £1,603,152 and spending on management consultancy was £16,685.

Steve Huddleston, Director of IM&T has overall responsibility for the IM&T strategy, which dictates the purchases that are made. However this is within the context of the Connecting for Health programme and the Trust's procurement framework. The Trust's Head of Procurement is Caroline Simpkin.

I trust that I have dealt with your request to your satisfaction. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries or if I can be of further assistance.

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Finally, I enclose an evaluation form which I would be very grateful if you could complete and return to me so that we can continually improve our Publication Scheme and the way that we deal with requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

Alison Macdonald  
**Board Secretary**