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By email: request-757846-3f7092af@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Sir / Madam

Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST: 96107

Please find below the response to your Freedom of Information request to **Royal Brompton and Harefield**

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1. How many cyber-attacks (incidents) did your organisation experience in the last 3 years?
2. If these statistics are available within the cost limit, how many of those incidents involved a) Malware b) Ransomware c) Hacking d) Phishing emails
3. How many incidents over the last 3 years were reported to the Department of Health and Social Care, whether under the Security of Network and Information Systems Regulations 2018, or otherwise?
4. How many incidents over the last 3 years resulted in a notification to the Information Commissioner's Office?
5. How many incidents over the last 3 years were reported to both DHSC and the ICO?

Further to your request made under the Freedom of Information Act, 2000 received by the Trust on 23rd May 2021. The Trust can provide the following information in response to Question 1 to 5.

We can confirm that the Trust holds some of the information that you have asked for, but in this case we will not be providing it to you as it is exempt from disclosure.

We are not obliged to provide information if its release would prejudice law enforcement. In this case, we believe that releasing detailed information such as the nature and effects of cyber

attacks creates a security risk and is likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime (section 31(1)(a)) and the administration of justice (section 31(1)(c)).

In line with the terms of this exemption in the Freedom of Information Act, we have also considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the information, despite the exemption being applicable. In this case, we have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information.

We hope this response satisfies your request. Should you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please let us know if you require more details or further clarification. You can find out more about the Trust and our publication scheme at our websiteⁱⁱ.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, please use our FOI review process by contacting foi@gstt.nhs.uk or writing to:

Deputy Information Governance Manager (FOI Review)
Information Governance
1F South Wing
St Thomas' Hospital
Westminster Bridge Road
London SE1 7EH

Please be aware that reviews will not be conducted via public forum, and we will require your name and contact address in order to respond.

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Department

**Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals
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If you are unhappy in any respect, with the way in which your request has been handled, you can request an internal review by writing, by email or letter, to Royal Brompton & Harefield, Royal Brompton Hospital, Britten Wing, Sydney Street, London SW3 6NP: foi@rbht.nhs.uk Tel: 020 7352 8121.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you can apply to the Information Commissioner, who will consider whether the Trust has complied with its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act and can require the Trust to remedy any problems. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's website <http://www.ico.gov.uk> or by writing to the Information Commissioner's Office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF: Tel: 03031231113

ⁱ Either version 3 or, at your discretion, any later version – <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/>

ⁱⁱ <http://www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/about-us/publications/foi/freedom-of-information.aspx>