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Dear [Section 40](#) [REDACTED],

REFERENCE: FOI/21/62 - Cyber Security Training

Thank you for your email of 8th April 2021 in which you requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could I request the following information:

- 1. Breakdown of all employees within your organisation who have undertaken cybercrime/cyber security training over the last two financial years (FY 19-20 and FY 20-21)**
- 2. Detail on the nature of the course e.g. “e-skills online cyber risk training”**
- 3. Detail on the amount spent on each course**

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

In response to your first question I have considered your request and I can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for, but in this case we will not be providing it to you as it is exempt from disclosure.

In response to your question we are not obliged, under section 40(2) of the Act, to provide information that is the personal information of another person if releasing it would contravene any of the Data Protection Principles under the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA). In this

instance we believe that the release of this information would contravene the first data protection principle and therefore section 40(2) is engaged. The terms of this exemption in the Freedom of Information Act mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

In relation to question two please see the table below for the details of courses:

Financial year	Name of course
2019/20	BCS Certificate in Information Security Management Principles (CISMP)
2019/20	SANS Introduction to Cyber Security
2019/20	Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)
2020/21	Cyber Resilience RESILIA Foundation
2020/21	Responsible for Information

In regards to question three there was no cost to the department as the funding was supplied by another Government Department.

If you believe this reply is not in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you may ask for an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request a review you should do so in writing stating the reasons.

If following an internal review you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask him to investigate whether the NIO has complied with the terms of the FOIA. You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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The Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. Further details on the role of the Information Commissioner and the handling of appeals can be found at: www.ico.org.uk

If you wish to discuss this letter or our handling of your request, please contact the Freedom of Information Team using the contact details provided at the top of the first page. Please remember to quote your reference in any correspondence.

Thank you for your interest in the Northern Ireland Office.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager