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Q1 Are you aware of the Minimum Cyber Security Standard, published 25th June 2018?

A1 a. Yes – however Trust guidance will generally be disseminated through NHS Digital or NHS England and this standard seems to be very much focused upon Government

Q2 What is your annual dedicated budget for cybersecurity (including personnel and technology)?

A2 Information not held – cyber security forms part of the overall IT budget however we estimate that it falls within d. £100,001 - £500,000.

Q3 Approximately how many cyber-attacks (of any kind) have you experienced in your organisation in these 12-month periods?

Q4 Which of the following attack / cybersecurity threat types have been detected by your organisation?

Q5 Which of the following form part of your cybersecurity defence technology strategy?

Q6 Which of these obstacles has your organisation experienced in maintaining or improving IT security?

A3-6 Information exempt under s31 – law enforcement, specifically section 31 (1) (a) relating to the prevention and detection of crime.

We have assessed the public interest in disclosure and believe the only factor for release would be openness and transparency, however the factors against release clearly outweigh this as release of the information would place the Trusts information systems and other related assets at risk of attack from hackers if released in to the public domain. This would have a major impact on the Trusts ability to maintain confidentiality, integrity and availability of systems and information and would severely disrupt services to our patients and would have a substantial impact on the Trusts reputation therefore causing financial loss and would damage the Trusts commercial interests.