

FOI Request Response information

FOI request reference:	2017/151
Date request received:	26/05/2017
Date request responded to:	12/06/2017
Category:	IM&T
Tags:	Cyberattack, ransomware, wannacry, computers, serious incidents

Request Detail:

1. Did your trust shut down any IT systems in response to the ransomware attack, known as WannaCry, on or after 12 May, 2017?
2. How many computers/servers/devices infected in the ransomware attack, known as WannaCry, on 12 May, 2017?
3. How many planned appointments and/or operations did the trust cancel/postpone/reschedule as a result, either direct or indirect, of the WannaCry ransomware attack?
4. Did you trust put in place any emergency ambulance divers from its emergency department as a result of the Wannacry ransomware attack?
5. How many "serious incidents" occurred at your trust as a result, direct or indirect, of the Wannacry ransomware attack?
6. Was there any other impact on clinical care, for example delays or lack of access to tests?
7. In 14 March, 2017, Microsoft released a patch for computers/servers/devices to remove the specific vulnerability. This was made available to trusts by NHS Digital on 25 April, 2017, and trusts were explicitly informed of this availability on 27 April, 2017. On May 12, 2017, had your trust applied the patch detailed above to all computers/server/devices running a version of Windows to which the patch was applicable?

Any additional information/insights not covered by the below questions about the response to the cyber-attack at your trust would be most welcome.

Response Detail:

The Trust response to your recent FOI request is as follows:

We have considered your request for the above information and regrettably are not able to provide this to you. It is Trust policy that as this information could lead to potential exploitation of our IT systems and equipment as well as any vulnerabilities

which could result in a possible Cyber Attack or compromise of the systems, equipment or wider NHS infrastructure we do not release this information at all.

In assessing your request for this information we have considered that section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 24(1) of the act states that “Information which does not fall within section 23(1) is exempt information if exemption from section 1(1)(b) is required for the purpose of safeguarding national security.”

In all the circumstances we are of the opinion that to provide this information would have the potential to compromise National Security and more particularly National Cyber Security.