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Subject: NHS ransomware attacks

REQUEST

I would like to request under the Freedom of Information Act details on ransomware attacks on your organisation between 2019 and 2024.

For the avoidance of doubt, a ransomware attack is a type of cyberattack which prevents an organisation accessing their own files or computer networks after criminals manage to infect the system with malware. These types of attacks involve the criminal's demanding payment for a key to restore access to the files.

- 1. I would like to know the number of ransomware attacks on your organisation between 2019 and 2024.**
- 2. I would like to know the number of successful attacks on your system.**
- 3. I would also like to know the cost of these attacks on your organisation, including the amount of ransom or payments made to restore access to your systems.**
- 4. I would appreciate it if you could break down the figures for each year.**

RESPONSE

We are unable to provide the information you have requested because it is exempt under Section 24(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which allows for the withholding of information where its disclosure is necessary to safeguard security. Releasing the information that you have requested could reasonably be expected to compromise the security of our IT systems and therefore we have made the decision to withhold it.

