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## **ICT Documents**

**I would like the organisation to provide me with the following departmental documents around ICT and corporate procurement.**

**Many organisations within your region have different document title names:**

**1. 2023/24 IT Department Documents :- these types of documents have detailed information on the department's future plans and strategies. These documents could include:**

**ICT Strategy/Plan, ICT Department Plan, ICT Financial Plan**

See attached BHSCT Digital Strategy 2020-25 (redacted version provided)

Some of the information requested in this FOI request is exempt from release under Section 31 and Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

These are both qualified exemptions and so a Public Interest Test was carried out to decide if the information should be released or not. Having weighed up the factors for and against release, it was decided to withhold this information because the disclosure of such information would:

- a) Leave Belfast Trust, patients, clients & staff more vulnerable to crime (Section 31);
- b) Pose a significant threat to the integrity & operation of the digital systems on which the day-to-day business of the Trust relies (Section 43).

### Section 31 – Law Enforcement Section

**Section 31(1)(a)** states that information is exempt if its disclosure is likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. ICO guidance states that this can be used to protect information on a public authority's systems which would make it more vulnerable to crime. It can be used by a public authority that has no law enforcement function:

- To protect the work of one that does
- To withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime

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Section 43 – Commercial Interests

**Section 43(2)** states that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). Disclosure of the requested information would leave the Belfast Trusts digital infrastructure at significant risk of cyber security attack. This would compromise the Belfast Trusts ability to provide Health & Care Services and carry on business-as usual should the digital systems be compromised.

**2. ICT Org Chart ;- with names and job titles**

See attached BHSCT Digital Services Org Chart 23

**3. Corporate Procurement Strategy that covers 2023/24 and more.**

See attached BHSCT Procurement Strategy 2021-24

**For all the documents I have requested, please provide me with the 2023/24 documents, I only want to receive documents that are live and valid. If the document is a strategic plan (e.g. 2020-2025) that covers a set number of years, please provide me with the 2023 version.**

**I also require the full version of the documents i have requested, if any parts of the document is missing, please state this in the response**

**If this cannot be provided, please provide me with information on when this version will be available.**