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Discharge Letters, Diagnostic Reporting, Digital Dictation & Bed Management Systems

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the FOI Act 2000.

	Info Requested	Information Held
1. Discharge Letters		
a.	Supplier Name	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
b.	System Name	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
c.	Date Installed	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
d.	Contract Expiration	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
e.	Is this contract renewed annually	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
f.	Do you currently have plans to replace this system	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
g.	Procurement Framework	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
h.	Other systems it integrates with	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
i.	Total value of contract	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
j.	Notes: e.g. we are currently out to tender	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
2. Diagnostic Reporting		
a.	Supplier Name	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
b.	System Name	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information

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c.	Date Installed	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
d.	Contract Expiration	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
e.	Is this contract renewed annually	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
f.	Do you currently have plans to replace this system	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
g.	Procurement Framework	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
h.	Other systems it integrates with	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
i.	Total value of contract	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
j.	Notes: e.g. we are currently out to tender	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
3. Digital Dictation		
a.	Supplier Name	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
b.	System Name	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
c.	Date Installed	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
d.	Contract Expiration	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
e.	Is this contract renewed annually	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
f.	Do you currently have plans to replace this system	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
g.	Procurement Framework	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
h.	Other systems it integrates with	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information

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i.	Total value of contract	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
j.	Notes: e.g. we are currently out to tender	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
4. Bed Management		
a.	Supplier Name	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
b.	System Name	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
c.	Date Installed	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
d.	Contract Expiration	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
e.	Is this contract renewed annually	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
f.	Do you currently have plans to replace this system	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
g.	Procurement Framework	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
h.	Other systems it integrates with	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
i.	Total value of contract	* Exemption applied based on infrastructure / supply chain information
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*All of this information is exempt from release under Section 31(1)(a) - Law Enforcement and Section 43 – Commercial Interests.

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(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 Belfast Trust's digital infrastructure at significant risk of cyber security attack. This would compromise Belfast Trust's ability to provide Health and Care Services and carry on business-as-usual should the digital systems be compromised.

Both of these exemptions are Qualified Exemptions and are therefore subject to a Public Interest Test (PIT).

I can confirm that we have now carried out a PIT and the outcome is to maintain both exemptions and withhold the information from release.