

12 December 2024

Vehicles Owned / Leased and Sold between 01/09/2023 and 31/10/2024

Please can you supply me with the following information?

Registration number:

Make:

Model:

**of all vehicles both owned / leased by your NHS Trust and all vehicles sold
between 01/09/2023 and 31/10/2024.**

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust can provide information concerning the Make and Model of vehicles in its fleet and this is attached in a separate document.

However, you will note we have not provided Registration Numbers as we believe this information would be exempt under Section 31(1)(a), as disclosure of these details has the potential to make the Trust's fleet, patients, clients and staff more vulnerable to criminal activity, e.g. the cloning of vehicles.

Section 31 – Law Enforcement

Section 31(1)(a) states that information is exempt if its disclosure is likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. It can be used to protect information held by a public authority, 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.

This is a qualified exemption and requires a Public Interest Test (PIT). I can confirm that we have now carried out a PIT and the outcome is to maintain the exemption and withhold the information from release.

It would not be in the public interest to provide the information requested concerning Trust fleet vehicle registrations. In reaching the decision to withhold some of the information requested, the Trust has considered fully its commitment to ensuring openness and transparency, where reasonably practicable, in all its activities