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Planned ICT and Digital Projects 2026 / 2027 and 2027 / 2028

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information held by Belfast Health and Social Care Trust.

1. **A list of ICT, digital, network, telephony or business-systems projects and programmes that are planned, approved or in progress for the financial years 2026/27 and 2027/28. For each, please give the project name, a one-line description, the approved or estimated budget, the planned start and end dates and the job title of the officer responsible for delivering it.**

   Belfast Trust can confirm that the job title of the officer responsible for delivery of the digital programme is Programme, Business Development and Cyber Manager.

   The remaining information requested including project names, descriptions, budgets and planned delivery dates, is being withheld under Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

   Disclosure would provide a consolidated view of the Trust's planned digital developments, investment priorities and delivery timescales. This information could be combined with information already available publicly, or obtained through other requests, to build a more detailed picture of the Trust's digital environment, priorities and potential periods of change. The Trust considers that this would be likely to assist cyber criminals in targeting its systems, services or personnel and would therefore be likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.

2. **Where a project in that list will be delivered with the help of an external supplier or contractor, the name of that supplier if one has already been appointed.**

   The information requested is being withheld under Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

   Disclosure of supplier or contractor names, when linked to specific planned digital projects, could identify elements of the Trust's technology supply chain and provide information capable of supporting targeted phishing, social-engineering or supply-chain attacks.

The risk is increased where this information is combined with project, contract or infrastructure details available from other sources. The Trust therefore considers that disclosure would be likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.

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.

This is a Qualified Exemption and is therefore subject to a Public Interest Test (PIT).

We can confirm that we have carried out a PIT and the outcome is to maintain the exemption and withhold the information from release.