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Information Systems

By each hospital within your trust, please reply on the attached excel document.

LIMS (Laboratory information management system)

For each hospital within your trust, please provide:

- a. Who is your current LIMS (Laboratory information management system) provider?
 - I. What is the overall contract value?
 - II. What is the tenure / length of the contract?
- b. Who was the provider under the previous LIMS (Laboratory information management system) contract?
 - I. What was the tenure /length of the contract?
- c. When did you first implement a LIMS (Laboratory information management system) at each hospital within your trust?

RIS (Radiology Information System)

For each hospital within your trust, please provide:

- a. Who is your current RIS (Radiology Information System) provider?
 - I. What is the overall contract value?
 - II. What is the tenure / length of the contract?
- b. Who was the provider under the previous RIS (Radiology information system) contract?
 - I. What was the tenure /length of the contract?
- c. When did you first implement a RIS (Radiology information system) at each hospital within your trust?

PACS (Picture archiving and communication system)

For each hospital within your trust, please provide:

- a. Who is your current PACS (Picture archiving and communication system) provider?
 - I. What is the overall contract value?
 - II. What is the tenure / length of the contract?
- b. Who was the provider under the previous PACS (Picture information and communication system) contract?
 - I. What was the tenure/length of the contract?

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- c. When did you first implement a PACS (Picture information and communication system) at each hospital within your trust?

OIS (Oncology information system)

For each hospital within your trust, please provide:

- a. Who is your current OIS (Oncology information system) provider?
 - I. What is the overall contract value?
 - II. What is the tenure / length of the contract?
- b. Who was the provider under the previous OIS (Oncology information system) contract?
 - I. What was the tenure/length of the contract?
- c. When did you first implement an OIS (Oncology information system) at each hospital within your trust?

MIS (Maternity information system)

For each hospital within your trust, please provide:

- a. Who is your current MIS (Maternity information system) provider?
 - I. What is the overall contract value?
 - II. What is the tenure / length of the contract?
- b. Who was the provider under the previous MIS (Maternity information system) contract?
 - I. What was the tenure/length of the contract?
- c. When did you first implement a MIS (Maternity information system) at each hospital within your trust?

PIS (Pharmacy information system)

For each hospital within your trust, please provide:

- a. Who is your current PIS (Pharmacy information system) provider?
 - I. What is the overall contract value?
 - II. What is the tenure / length of the contract?
- b. Who was the provider under the previous PIS (Pharmacy information system) contract?
 - I. What was the tenure/length of the contract?
- c. When did you first implement a PIS (Pharmacy information system) at each hospital within your trust?

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NIS (Nurse information system)

For each hospital within your trust, please provide:

- a. Who is your current **NIS (Nurse information system)** provider?
 - I. What is the overall contract value?
 - II. What is the tenure / length of the contract?
- b. Who was the provider under the previous **NIS (Nurse information system)** contract?
 - I. What was the tenure/length of the contract?
- c. When did you first implement a **NIS (Nurse information system)** at each hospital within your trust?

CIS (Clinical information system)

For each hospital within your trust, please provide:

- a. Who is your current **CIS (Clinical information system)** provider?
 - I. What is the overall contract value?
 - II. What is the tenure / length of the contract?
- b. Who was the provider under the previous **CIS (Clinical information system)** contract?
 - I. What was the tenure/length of the contract?
- c. When did you first implement a **CIS (Clinical information system)** at each hospital within your trust?

FIS (Financial information system)

For each hospital within your trust, please provide:

- a. Who is your current **FIS (Financial information system)** provider?
 - I. What is the overall contract value?
 - II. What is the tenure / length of the contract?
- b. Who was the provider under the previous **FIS (Financial information system)** contract?
 - I. What was the tenure/length of the contract?
- c. When did you first implement a **FIS (Financial information system)** at each hospital within your trust?

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BBIS (Blood bank information system)

For each hospital within your trust, please provide:

- a. **Who is your current BBIS (Blood bank information system) provider?**
 - I. **What is the overall contract value?**
 - II. **What is the tenure / length of the contract?**

- b. **Who was the provider under the previous BBIS (Blood bank information system) contract?**
 - I. **What was the tenure/length of the contract?**
- c. **When did you first implement a BBIS (Blood bank information system) at each hospital within your trust?**

Disclosure of information about Belfast Trusts core digital infrastructure would put the Trusts digital infrastructure under elevated levels of security risk and become more vulnerable to a malicious cyber security attack.

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).

The information requested is therefore exempt from release under the following Sections of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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. 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 exemption is subject to the public interest test. There is an overwhelming public interest in keeping Health & Social Care digital systems secure which would be served by non-disclosure. This outweighs the public interest in accountability and transparency which would be served by disclosure.



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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.

This exemption is subject to the public interest test. There is an overwhelming public interest in keeping Health & Social Care digital systems secure which would be served by non-disclosure. This outweighs the public interest in accountability and transparency which would be served by disclosure.