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Copies of PACS and Sectra Policies

Please provide copies of:

1. Picture archiving and communication system (PACS) policy;

2. Image Exchange Portal (Sectra) policy.

Response

System level policies are withheld on basis of cyber security,

* 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.

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 Trusts 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-asusual 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

However we operate under the overarching ICT Security Policy (redacted version attached)".

Redactions have been made where there are personal details of individual staff members which would be exempt under Section 40(2) Personal information relating to a third party.

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The remainder of the redactions are in keeping with our Cyber Security Public Interest Policy – to disclose this information would potentially expose our methods of securing data and leaving the Organisation open to possible cyber-attack.

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