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REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. Does anyone in St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust have responsibility for auditing/monitoring insider threats – counter fraud? If yes, who?

Every member of Trust staff has a responsibility for being alert to insider threats

2. How is St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust able to check that your systems are being used in the way that they should?

Internal system audits.

3. How many employees have misused their authority and used your IT systems inappropriately, (e.g.: to identify vulnerable people, falsify records etc) in the last 5 years?

There have been no cases in the period requested.

4. How much money has St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust lost as a result of insider fraud/corruption in the last 5 years? (NHS Counter Fraud Authority estimate that the NHS is vulnerable to £1.21 billion worth of fraud each year and I would like to understand how that relates to St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust).

The Trust has had no evidence of internal corruption in the past 5 years.

5. How often do you have to audit your IT systems to make sure employees are using them appropriately?

The Trust has various mechanism to do this, details of these are however exempt under the FOIA legislation as releasing this information would impact on the Trusts ability to use such mechanisms

In withholding this information the Trust is applying Sec 31 of the FOIA.

Section 31(1)(a) provides an exemption from the right to know if disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.

6. When and how would St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust be alerted to the fact that someone has used the IT system inappropriately?

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7. Who has overall responsibility for ensuring that your IT systems are secure from internal threats?

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8. Do you currently have a budget allowance for auditing and monitoring your IT systems within St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust? If so, how much?

No

9. How many computers are there in St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust?

Approx. 6000

10. What operating systems do your computers use?

Windows 10

11. How many staff are employed at St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust?

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