

Ref. No: FOI0232
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Subject: Email Encryption

REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide the following information in relation to your past, present and future suppliers of the following services:

Email encryption

- Do you have a product or supplier for email encryption?
- If so, please can you supply details of the contractual arrangements in place including date of award, details of any Framework used or link to the advertisement, contract value and duration.
- If so, please can you indicate the plans for future procurement of this product?
- If not, please can you indicate what evaluation of the requirement for email encryption has been undertaken?
- Please can you confirm the individual responsible for managing your email encryption contract or wider cyber security contracts and provide their contact details and role title?

E-signatures

- Do you use a specific product or solution for electronic signatures?
- If so, please can you confirm the name of the supplier from which this solution is purchased?
- If so, please can you supply details of the contractual arrangements in place including date of award, details of any Framework used or link to the advertisement, contract value and duration.
- If so, please can you indicate the plans for future procurement of this product?

- **If not, please can you indicate what evaluation of the requirement for email encryption has been undertaken?**
- **Please can you confirm the individual responsible for managing your e-signature solution contract or wider cyber security and provide their contact details and role title?**

RESPONSE

Email encryption

- **Do you have a product or supplier for email encryption?**

Section 31: law enforcement – prevention or detection of crime

Section 31(1)(a) of the Act states:

31. Law enforcement.

(1) Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice -

(a) the prevention or detection of crime,

Guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) states:

Section 31(1)(a) will cover all aspects of the prevention and detection of crime...The exemption also covers information held by public authorities without any specific law enforcement responsibilities...It could also be used to withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime for example, by disclosing its own security procedures.

Information disclosed under Freedom of Information becomes publicly available. This means that the impact of disclosure must be considered from the general release of information and not limited to disclosure to one individual (the requestor).

The Trust determines that disclosing the requested information would make it more vulnerable to cyber attack due to the disclosure of email encryption services. The Trust is therefore exempting this response.

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Please refer to full exemption notice above.

- **If so, please can you indicate the plans for future procurement of this product?**

N/A – the Trust does not hold this information and is not obligated to create information in response to a request.

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N/A

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N/A

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N/A

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