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Subject: Neonatal Unit CCTV

REQUEST

1. Do you currently have CCTV on your neonatal unit?
2. If no to Question 1, do you have any plans to install CCTV on your neonatal unit?
3. Do you have CCTV in any other departments where patients are treated? If yes, which ones? For example: Accident & Emergency, maternity, paediatrics, etc.
4. If no to Question 3, do you have any plans to install CCTV in any departments where patients are treated? If so, which ones?

RESPONSE

Section 31: law enforcement – prevention or detection of crime

Under Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust is not required to disclose information if the release of this information would, or would be likely to, make the Trust more vulnerable to crime. Specifically:

31(1) Information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice - (a) the prevention or detection of crime. It could 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.

As a qualified exemption, we can confirm that we have considered whether it would be in the public interest to provide the information ahead of the scheduled publication date, and in this instance have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information.