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Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 25 November 2019 with regards to use of personal devices for work activity.

Request/Response

1. Does NHS Liverpool CCG allow staff to use their own devices to access work email?
Please answer Yes or No. **Yes.**
2. Does NHS Liverpool CCG allow staff to use their own devices for any other work-related activities? Please answer Yes or No . **Yes.**
3. If you answered yes to question 2 please provide a list of the types of systems that staff can access from personally owned devices? **Calendar and contacts.**
4. Does NHS Liverpool CCG have a policy that covers BYOD or the use of personal devices at work? Please answer Yes or No. **Yes.**
5. If you answered yes to question 4 please could you provide a copy of your policy that covers BYOD or personal device usage at work?

NHS Liverpool CCG has applied Section 31 (Prevention or detection of crime) of the FOI Act to this part of your request as providing the information you have requested could compromise the security of the NHS network / NHS data. This exemption is subject to the public interest test and we have taken account the public interest in transparency and in understanding the use of devices in the NHS. However, I can advise that NHS Liverpool CCG have assessed that there are significant factors in favour of withholding the information that outweigh those in favour of publication.

Disclosing the details of our internal policy for employees accessing services from their own device would help a potential attacker to ascertain our internal measures and access requirements to the NHS network. This scenario could provide attackers with information about our systems and processes, thereby facilitating the commissioning or concealment of crime in relation to fraud, data protection, terrorism etc. As such, it is not in the public interest to provide this information.

If there are any specific aspects of the policy you would like to explore, please provide further details as to what you would like to know and we would be happy to provide further information where this does not compromise security as above.

We wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review procedure is available to applicants who are unhappy with responses provided to FOI requests. You can formally request an internal review within a reasonable period of time (2 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the decision of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a further review of that decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure in the first instance.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely

Corporate Services Team
NHS Liverpool CCG