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Department: Information Digital Services

Title: Data security spending and training
Description: Data security spending and training

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

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Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

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2		Hertsmere Borough Council East
3	Region	
3	The total number of full-time and part-	313
	time employees employed by your	
	organisation (as of 1st January 2021	
	or latest figures available	Con moto halow
4	The total number of full-time and part-	See note below
	time employees employed by your	
	organisation with professional data	
	security / cybersecurity qualifications	
	(as of 1st January 2021 or latest	
_	figures available)	Con mate halow
5	The total number of full-time and part-	See note below
	time employees employed by your	
	organisation who have completed	
6	cyber security training How much money (in pounds sterling)	See note below
0		See note below
	has been spent on cyber security training between 1st January 2020 and	
	31stDecember 2020	
7	How many data breaches did your	See note below
'	organisation report to the ICO	See note below
	between 1st January 2019 and 1st	
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8	How many data breaches did your	See note below
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	between 1st January 2020 and 1st	
	January 2021	
9	Was your organisation victim to a	See note below
	successful ransomware attack	
	between 1st January 2020 and 31st	
	December 2020? As for the definition	
	of a "successful ransomware attack",	
	please include any incident in which	
	an attacker requesting a	
	ransom/payment managed to	
	successfully encrypt, steal or leak any	
	data/systems/assets that your	
	organisation processes/holds.	
10	If you answered yes to the previous	n/a
	question, did your organisation agree	
	to pay a ransom? Yes/No	
11	Did your organisation suffer a cyber	See note below
	security incident between 1st January	

2020 and 31st December 2020 which resulted in disruption to the council's services? This refers to any cyber incident that forced usual services to go offline or become unavailable. Yes/No	
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Note

With regard to your request for other information (Q4, Q5, Q6, Q7, Q8, Q9, Q10, Q11) on inspecting our records and the information which we hold, it would appear that the information requested is covered by an exemption or exemptions contained within the Act. We are required to explain why we believe this to be the case.

The information which you have requested is, in our opinion, exempt from a request under Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2002 because of the exemption contained in Section 35 of the Act.

While we believe the exemption in Section 31(1)(a) applies in this case, we would still be obliged to release this information in respect of your request except for where the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Hertsmere Borough Council acknowledges the significant public interest in openness and transparency and therefore recognises that any request under Section 1 of the Act is potentially in the public interest. However, in dealing with your request we have taken into consideration whether the public interest is best served by disclosing or withholding the information. Disclosure of this information could potentially facilitate cyberattacks on the Council, which would not be in the public interest. We are not aware of any particular public interest in the subject matter of your inquiry, which would outweigh maintaining the exemption.

If you have any queries about the processing of your request then please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to information requests together with a complaints/appeals procedure is available in our reception or via our website at:

https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Your-Council/Official-Publications--Guides--Policies/Access-to-Information.aspx

The Information Commissioner oversees the application of the Freedom of Information Act. You may contact the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioners Office Wycliffe House, Water Lane Wilmslow

Cheshire SK9 5AF Telephone: 01625 545700

Website: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards Information Services

Hertsmere Borough Council | Civic Offices | Elstree Way | Borehamwood | Herts | WD6 1WA

t: 020 8207 2277

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