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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CYBER SECURITY SERVICES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to cyber security services.

Question:

1. Standard Firewall (Network)

Firewall services that protect the organisation's network from unauthorised access and other internet security threats.

2. Anti-virus Software Application

Programs designed to prevent, detect, and remove viruses, malware, trojans, adware, and related threats.

Answer:

NHS Lothian believe that by releasing this information into the public domain, we are providing information which will increase the risk of the organisations IT infrastructure being unlawfully targeted and penetrated by unnecessarily exposing information related to its current infrastructure . Organisations could use the information provided to then orchestrate focussed cyber attacks on NHS Lothian. Such attempts, if successful, would be likely to prejudice substantially the Board's ability to exercise a number of its purposes, but particularly those described under FOISA section 30(c) i.e., be likely to prejudice substantially effective conduct of public affairs. For this reason, we believe that the exemption under FOISA, section 30(c) applies to the information requested.

We acknowledge that any exemption applying under section 30 is also subject to the public interest test. We have therefore applied the public interest test and subsequently determined that, in the context of this specific case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs that in disclosure of the information."

Question:

3. Microsoft Enterprise Agreement

A volume licensing agreement that may include:

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- a. Microsoft 365 (Office, Exchange, SharePoint, Teams)
- b. Windows Enterprise
- c. Enterprise Mobility + Security (EMS)
Azure services (committed or pay-as-you-go)
 - 1. Who is the existing supplier for this contract?
 - 2. What is the annual spend for each contract?
 - 3. What is the description of the services provided?
 - 4. Primary brand (where applicable)?
 - 5. What is the start date of the contract?
 - 6. What is the expiry date of the contract?
 - 7. What is the total duration of the contract?
 - 8. Who is the responsible contract officer?

Answer:

a.	NHS Lothian participate in a National Contract for M365, and this contract is managed by National Services Scotland on behalf of all the boards in Scotland.
b.	Not applicable. No contract
c.	Included in the M365 contract provided by NSS.
1.	Microsoft
2.	£13,000 per year.
3.	Azure Services
4.	Microsoft
5.	June 2024
6.	June 2027
7.	36 months.
8.	Iain Robertson. Head of Digital Operations and IT infrastructure. Iain.Robertson@NHS.SCOT

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.



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Yours sincerely

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Cc: Chief Executive