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**Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20192837**

**REQUEST**

***Could you please tell me the following:***

***1) Do you have on-premise Microsoft Exchange?***

***If yes:***

***a. Which version?***

***b. Do you have public folders?***

***c. Do you manage the infrastructure yourselves? If not, who is your partner?***

***2) Do you have a 3rd party email archive solution such as Enterprise Vault, EMC Source One or Quest Archive Manager?***

***a. If yes, which one?***

***3) Do you have PST files?***

***4) If you have not already, are you planning to migrate to Office 365?***

***5) Which person is responsible for your email infrastructure?***

**RESPONSE**

I contacted our Information Technology Department for assistance with your request. We have been provide some information, however; I am not able to supply the information in full.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires South Yorkshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt), to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- a. states that fact,
- b. specifies the exemption in question and
- c. states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The following exemption applies to the disclosure of the information:

**Section 31(1) Law Enforcement**

**Harm**

When a disclosure is made under the Freedom of Information Act, it is a disclosure to the world via a forces publication scheme and not just to a single individual. In view of this, we may publish all information released under the Freedom of Information Act on our website in order that any member of the public who may wish to view the information can have access to it.

Therefore, the release of information into the public domain could be viewed by an individual(s) who may be intent on committing a crime. By providing details of specific IT resources that we use may lead to more crimes being committed which would impact on police resources and subsequently placing individuals at risk within the force area.

**PUBLIC INTEREST TEST**

**Section 31 – Favouring disclosure**

- Members of the public would have a greater understanding of where public funds are used.
- Openness and transparency of our systems and capabilities.

## **Section 31 – Favouring non- Disclosure**

- Police resources and the Force's ability to operate effectively and efficiently, may be affected as this information can be manipulated and used by those with criminal intent
- Providing details of specific force wide IT systems may open the force up to Cyber-attack and therefore compromise police capabilities.

### **Balancing Test**

I have carefully considered your request for information. The key test when considering the public interest is to establish whether in all the circumstances of the request the public interest in disclosing information is not outweighed by that in maintaining the exemption.

I am of the opinion that there are a number of reasons for withholding information. As we have already stated, a Freedom of Information request is not just a release to the person making the request, but also into the public domain release of all of this data may make SYP systems susceptible to IT Cyber-attacks which in turn would affect the effectiveness of the police force.

With this in mind, I am prepared to disclose some details without triggering the above exemption.

Our Information Technology Department has provided the following:

**1) Do you have on-premise Microsoft Exchange? Yes**

**If yes:**

**a.**

**b.**

**c. Do you manage the infrastructure yourselves? If not, who is your partner? Yes – in-house.**

**2) Do you have a 3rd party email archive solution such as Enterprise Vault, EMC Source One or Quest Archive Manager? Yes**

**a. If yes, which one? Source One**

**3) Do you have PST files? Yes**

**4) If you have not already, are you planning to migrate to Office 365? Yes**

**5) Which person is responsible for your email infrastructure?**

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