

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20210015**
 Date FOI Received: **7/01/2021**
 Department: **Information Digital Services**
 Title: **Data security spending and training**
 Description: **Data security spending and training**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

Council name	Region - please select from the following: South East, London, North West, East of England, West Midlands, South West, Yorkshire and the Humber, East Midlands, North East, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland	The total number of full-time and part-time employees employed by your organisation (as of 1st January 2021 or latest figures available)	The total number of full-time and part-time employees employed by your organisation with professional data security / cybersecurity qualifications (as of 1st January 2021 or latest figures available) - Common qualifications may include any cyber or IT security related qualifications such as	The total number of full-time and part-time employees employed by your organisation who have completed cybersecurity training between 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2020 (or latest annual figures available)	How much money (in pounds sterling) has been spent on cybersecurity training between 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2020 (or latest annual figures available) this may include GDPR-related training	How many data breaches did your organisation report to the ICO between 1st January 2019 and 1st January 2020	How many data breaches did your organisation report to the ICO between 1st January 2020 and 1st January 2021	Was your organisation a victim to a 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.	If you answered yes to the previous question, did your organisation agree to pay a ransom? Yes/No	Did your organisation suffer a cyber 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

			CISSP, SSCP, CSA, CEH, CISA, CISM, Security+							
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Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

1	Council Name	Hertsmere Borough Council
2	Region	East
3	The total number of full-time and part-time employees employed by your organisation (as of 1st January 2021 or latest figures available)	313
4	The total number of full-time and part-time employees employed by your organisation with professional data security / cybersecurity qualifications (as of 1st January 2021 or latest figures available)	See note below
5	The total number of full-time and part-time employees employed by your organisation who have completed cyber security training	See note below
6	How much money (in pounds sterling) has been spent on cyber security training between 1 st January 2020 and 31 st December 2020	See note below
7	How many data breaches did your organisation report to the ICO between 1st January 2019 and 1st January 2020	See note below
8	How many data breaches did your organisation report to the ICO between 1st January 2020 and 1st January 2021	See note below
9	Was your organisation victim to a 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.	See note below
10	If you answered yes to the previous question, did your organisation agree to pay a ransom? Yes/No	n/a
11	Did your organisation suffer a cyber security incident between 1st January	See note below

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 cyber-attacks 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:

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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

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