

Dear

Re: Request for Information

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which we received on 14/01/18.

I can confirm that Eastleigh Borough Council does hold the information requested.

[1] Please may you provide me with the number of data breaches that occurred of your organisation's owned, processed or generated information in the calendar year 2017.

2 known

[1.2] Please may you provide me with a list of details regarding these breaches (i.e. when they occurred, how they occurred, and what information was lost).

The council considers this information could be used for criminal activity. Section 31(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states that information may be exempt if its disclosure is likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. This is a qualified exemption.

A qualified exemption means that a decision is made in light of the public interest in maintaining the exemption being weighed against the public interest in disclosure.

Public interest in disclosure:

- **As a public body it is Eastleigh Borough Council's duty to comply with the principles of the FOIA and relay its benefits of transparency.**
- **As a public body it is Eastleigh Borough Council's duty to be transparent and accountable for its decisions.**

Public interest in applying the exemption:

- **Releasing this information would provide suitably motivated perpetrators with valuable intelligence that could be used to compromise the security of the council's IT infrastructure, thus increasing the council's subsequent vulnerability to attack. For example, any information given here could be assembled to provide a strong indication of any weaknesses that could go on to be exploited.**
- **Our IT network contains personal information of our residents and our staff, therefore it is of great importance that we can assure the public of the security of the network.**

After carefully examining all the points above, Eastleigh Borough Council considers that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs that of the public interest in the disclosure of the information

[2] If your organisation differentiates between data breaches and data incidents, please may you provide me with the number of data incidents that occurred of its owned, processed or generated information in the calendar year 2017.

N/a

[2.2] Please may you provide me with a list of details regarding these incidents (i.e. when they occurred, how they occurred, and what information was lost).

Same as point (1.2)

[3] Please may you provide me with the number of cyber security incidents that occurred within your organisation in the calendar year 2017.

None known

[3.2] Please may you provide me with a list of details regarding these incidents (i.e. when they occurred, how they occurred, whether information was exposed, and how the incident was handled, if recorded as a crime by the police and/or whether the National Cyber Security Centre was informed).

N/a

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further enquiries regarding your request.

If you wish to make a request for internal review with regards to your information request please contact:

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If you are unhappy with the way in which your complaint is dealt with then you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The contact details for the Information Commissioner are:

The Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

