

FOI 0295/2023 Response

Request

Thank you for your response to my FOI request.

The Trust has refused my request based on exemption under the FOIA 2000; Section 24 (national security).

Please can the Trust point out specifically which elements of my request are causing the concern of fraud and provide examples of when disclosing such information has resulted in acts of fraud in the past. These data points may be able to be removed from my request.

What exactly in my request is considered to pose a threat to national security?

Please provide clarification on the above points.

Response

Upon an internal review of the response provided for FOI 0172/203, the Trust has concluded that the incorrect exemption was applied. Please accept our apologies.

However, the Trust is still of the opinion that we are unable to provide the requested information.

This is because the requested information pertains to granular details that could be used maliciously and therefore expose the Trust to fraud related harm and subsequent financial loss.

As the Trust is a public funded body, there is an argument that it is in the public interest to not release the details in order to preserve and protect taxpayers' money.

The Trust therefore rely on exemption Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.

The Trust would also suggest that you review our transparency spend data as it may be of use.

Please see link below.

[Financial transparency - Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust \(bsmhft.nhs.uk\)](https://bsmhft.nhs.uk)