

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
Ref: CORP 25/26 - 167

Dear xxx

**Freedom of Information request: Information on NHS Cyber Governance and Board Oversight (2018–2024) (CORP 25/26 – 167)**

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Your Request:

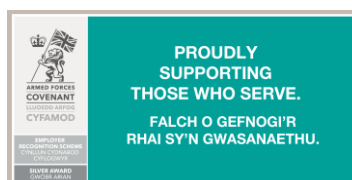
*Please provide information for the period 1 January 2018 – 31 December 2024 (inclusive) or the most recent complete year available.*

- 1. Governance framework — The framework used for cybersecurity governance (e.g. NCSC CAF, DSPT, ISO 27001) and the year of its latest board approval.*
- 2. Board review frequency — How often the board or an executive committee formally reviews cyber resilience or cybersecurity governance (e.g. annually, quarterly, ad hoc).*
- 3. Most recent review — The title and month/year of the latest board or committee paper or report relating to cyber resilience (no internal findings required).*
- 4. Reporting line — The current reporting structure for cybersecurity governance (e.g. CISO → CIO → Board).*
- 5. External assurance — Whether the Trust has undergone external assurance such as CAF self-assessment, DSPT validation, independent audit, or security testing (e.g. penetration test / red-team). If so, please indicate only the type and frequency, not the scope or results.*
- 6. Concurrent improvement programmes — Approximate number of cybersecurity-related improvement programmes or initiatives active concurrently in a typical year (2018–2024) and trend (increasing/decreasing/stable).*
- 7. Internal coordination — Whether a steering group, programme office, or committee coordinates concurrent cybersecurity initiatives within the Trust, and its reporting level (executive/board).*
- 8. Cross-Trust coordination — Whether the Trust participates in structured coordination or information-sharing mechanisms with other NHS Trusts or regional bodies on cyber-resilience governance (e.g. ICS cyber networks), and at what level (regional/national).*
- 9. Board learning — Whether board-level training sessions or workshops on cyber resilience have been held since 2018, and in which years.*

Please find the Trust's response below:

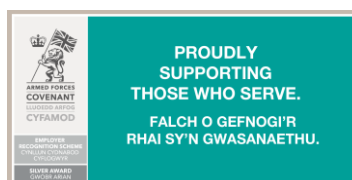
- 1. Governance framework — The framework used for cybersecurity governance (e.g. NCSC CAF, DSPT, ISO 27001) and the year of its latest board approval.**
  - NCSC CAF
  - A Cyber Security Strategic Delivery Plan was approved in 2025

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  - Annually
3. **Most recent review — The title and month/year of the latest board or committee paper or report relating to cyber resilience (no internal findings required).**
  - The Cyber Security Strategic Delivery Plan was presented to the Board in July 2025
4. **Reporting line — The current reporting structure for cybersecurity governance (e.g. CISO → CIO → Board).**
  - Cyber Security Manager → Chief Digital Officer → Executive Director of Strategy & Planning → Board
5. **External assurance — Whether the Trust has undergone external assurance such as CAF self-assessment, DSPT validation, independent audit, or security testing (e.g. penetration test / red-team). If so, please indicate only the type and frequency, not the scope or results.**
  - Yearly CAF assessment completed by Cyber Resilience Unit (CRU)
  - Cyber Audit completed by NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership ("NWSSP")
6. **Concurrent improvement programmes — Approximate number of cybersecurity-related improvement programmes or initiatives active concurrently in a typical year (2018–2024) and trend (increasing/decreasing/stable).**
  - One Cyber security programme – with increasing initiatives within it.
7. **Internal coordination — Whether a steering group, programme office, or committee coordinates concurrent cybersecurity initiatives within the Trust, and its reporting level (executive/board).**
  - Digital Programme Board reporting into the Executive with yearly reporting of the plan to the Quality, Safety & Performance Board Committee.
8. **Cross-Trust coordination — Whether the Trust participates in structured coordination or information-sharing mechanisms with other NHS Trusts or regional bodies on cyber-resilience governance (e.g. ICS cyber networks), and at what level (regional/national).**
  - The Trust collaborates with all NHS Wales Trusts and Health Boards on structured coordination and information-sharing.
9. **Board learning — Whether board-level training sessions or workshops on cyber resilience have been held since 2018, and in which years.**
  - Information Governance ("IG") and Cyber Workshops have been given to the Board in 2023 & 2025.
  - All employees have to complete mandatory IG & Cyber training every two years.

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I trust this answers your request for information, however, should you not be satisfied with the information supplied or the process of supplying it, you have a right to complain and request a review. Please note that you must submit a request for a review within 40 days of the date of this letter.

You should forward your complaint to:

Mr Ian Bevan via [FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk)  
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Should you wish to take your complaint further, if you are still unhappy with the decision after review, you can contact the:

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales  
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Yours sincerely

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