Request

I would like to request the following information for the academic year 2023-2024:

1. Total spending on cyber and information security for schools within the local authority's jurisdiction, including but not limited to:

    Network security solutions (e.g., firewalls, intrusion detection systems, etc); Endpoint security (e.g., antivirus, anti-malware software); Email security (e.g. spam filtering); Patch and vulnerability management (e.g. vulnerability scanners, patch management tooling etc); User access control systems (e.g., two-factor authentication, user account management); Data protection measures (e.g., encryption, data loss prevention systems); Cybersecurity training and awareness programs for staff and students; Cyber security consultancy services or dedicated personnel

2. Breakdown of spending per school or group of schools (if available), detailing individual expenditures for each of the above categories.

3. Details of any funding allocated for cybersecurity that was not spent or remained unused during the requested financial years.

4. Any internal or external assessments or reviews of the adequacy of the cyber and information security controls in place for the schools, particularly in relation to:

    Compliance with data protection laws (e.g., GDPR); ISO 27001 and/or Cyber Essentials compliance; Cybersecurity threats and risks identified in risk assessments; Recommendations made and actions taken in response to security reviews.

5. Information on any cybersecurity incidents or breaches reported by schools within the local authority's jurisdiction, including the number of incidents and a summary of the nature of these incidents (e.g., ransomware, data breaches).

Response

Schools within our authority all source their own IT security solutions and as such the Local Authority do not hold any of this information.