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Request:

I am requesting the following information for each year from 2019 to 2024:

1. The total number of cyberattacks detected or reported to you for each year (and month if possible) between and including 2019 and 2024
2. A breakdown of the types of cyberattacks experienced, including but not limited to:
 - o Phishing attacks
 - o Distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks
 - o Malware infections
 - o Ransomware attacks
 - o Insider threats
 - o Other types of cyber threats, if applicable.

If possible, please provide the data in a tabulated format, clearly indicating the number of cyberattacks for each year and the type of attack. If providing a breakdown of the types of cyberattacks isn't possible, please provide any available information on the most common or significant types of cyberattacks experienced by the local authority during the specified period.



Response:

We take the security of our systems and the data we hold very seriously. After careful consideration, we have determined that disclosing the requested details could significantly increase our vulnerability to cyber risks. The information pertains to our IT security measures, which if made public, could potentially be used to comprise our systems and the data they protect.

Under Section 31(1) (a) of the FOIA, we are exempt from the requirement to provide information if it is likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. This includes ensuring that our cyber defences remain robust against potential attacks. Disclosing the specifics of our security arrangements could weaken these defences and is not in the public interest.

We understand that this may be disappointing. However, we must balance the public interest in transparency with our responsibility to maintain the integrity of our cyber security of our organization and the individuals whose data we are entrusted to protect.

