West Yorkshire Combined Authority | Tracy Brabin Mayor of West Yorkshire

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Freedom of Information Act 2000 Enquiry: Cyber security incidents

Thank you for contacting West Yorkshire Combined Authority ('the Combined Authority') with your request for information, which was received on 04/04/2026.

Your request was:

information for each calendar year from 2020 to 2026 inclusive:
1. The number of cyber security breaches that have being identified that were found to be a result of a malicious threat actor (i.e. not accidental data breach)
2. The breakdown in high-level causes of these breaches as identified by cyber security incident response teams (CSIRTs), for example (but not limited to) unpatched software/hardware, lack of multi-factor authentication (MFA), leaked user credentials, lack of in-transit encryption, etc
3. The number of breaches that occurred that were attributed to a previously known vulnerability to the organisations hardware, software, policies, or processes, for example where system was known to be at risk due to being unpatched or out of support, or security controls were recommended but not enforced, and was defined within the resulting incident response report.
4. The estimated combined costs incurred as a result of cyber security breaches defined in request number one in each year.
No specific details are requested in relation to software/hardware utilisation, but rather high-level causes of breaches.

This request is being handled under Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We have completed our searches, and I can confirm that the Combined Authority does not hold information covered by your request.

No cyber security breaches have been reported during the period from 2023 to the present. Any breaches that may have occurred prior to 2023 are not held by the Combined Authority.

If you believe that your request for information has not been handled properly, you can ask for an internal review of our decision. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

For your information, there is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely,
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