

3 July 2025

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Dear Mr Freeborough

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request sent via email and received by us on 3 June 2025.

Your request was in the form of the following questions:

**1. Wide Area Network connectivity**

- a. Please can advise who is the existing supplier(s)
- b. Contract end dates
- c. Total contract value
- d. Which framework this was purchased under
- e. Name of the contact responsible for this
- f: How many schools are connected to the WAN?

**2. LAN, Wi-Fi, SDWAN**

- a. Please can advise who is the existing supplier
- b. Contract end dates
- c. Total contract value
- d. Which framework this was purchased under
- e. Name of the contact responsible for this
- f. If no SD WAN are there plans to consider this in the next 12-18 months or moving to a cloud first strategy?
- g: What technology vendor do you use for LAN, i.e. HP, Cisco, Wi-Fi, i.e. HP, Cisco, Ruckus, SDWAN, i.e. Juniper, Fortinet, Extreme?

**3. CONTENT FILTERING**

- Please can advise who is the existing supplier
- b. Contract end dates
  - c. Total contract value

- d. Which framework this was purchased under
- e. Name of the contact responsible for this
- f. How many concurrent licenses are in use across the estate g. Is the solution on premise or cloud based

#### 4. TELEPHONY – UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Please can advise who is the existing supplier
- b. Contract end dates
- c. Total contract value
- d. Which framework this was purchased under
- e. Name of the contact responsible for this
- f: Which telephony manufacturer do you use
- g: Is it the same manufacturer at all schools, if not what other manufacturer for the other school's use
- h. Which schools currently utilise ISDN services

#### 5. APPLICATIONS

- a. Where do you host your applications, do you have an on-premise infrastructure or do you host your applications in a public or private cloud?
- b. Does the MAT use on premise or cloud storage or both?
- c. Please confirm the on-premise hardware manufacturer?
- d. Can you confirm your cloud storage provider?
- e. What is your annual spend on cloud storage
- f. How do you backup your data and with who e.g. Back Up as a Service

6: What would be the trusts primary focus on IT related projects over the next 12 months?

Please find our response in the attached document.

I hope that this answers your request satisfactorily.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should e-mail [admin@bright-futures.co.uk](mailto:admin@bright-futures.co.uk)

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints' procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:



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Yours sincerely

**Chief Executive Officer**  
**On behalf of Bright Futures Educational Trust**