

FOI Reference Number: FOI/174/1920

Date: 03 September 2019

Request:

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Could you also tell me what cyber security do you have aside from CHECK work including the following i) user education ii) other penetration tests iii) internal security team iv) other.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 01 August 2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response in relation to your request.

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- i) No**
- ii) No**
- iii) No**

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i: User Education - we have delivered ICT security (including cyber security) awareness courses to all employees. These are computer based and are mandatory for all staff to complete. At an informal level, we make staff aware via email when a potential threat / security issue may arise and offer advise on how to handle that.

ii: We have conducted pen test on our external ip's.

iii: Council does not employ staff specifically to work in cyber security. All members of the ICT team endeavour to keep abreast of security threats and advise staff appropriately.

iv: Firewalls are in place and locked down. Web Filtering is in place. AV is in place on all servers / workstations. Spam Filters are deployed along with

Advanced Threat Protection software. All these measures help limit our exposure to cyber threats.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/174/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an 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.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.