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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

The thesis is to generate hospital architectural floor planning with artificial intelligence, especially for emergency areas. In this context, I need the floor plans of the hospital emergency departments as data. The hospital floor plans that I want to collect as data are floor plans of emergency departments of NHS hospitals in the UK. That's why I'm writing to you.

Could you please share with me the floor plans of the emergency area of your hospitals? It can be any jpeg, cad file or screenshot. Whichever file format you see fit. I would be pleased if you could share it. Thank you in advance for your time and help.

Having assessed your request, we have decided to withhold the information you requested under section 38b of the FOIA. Section 38 states that we are not obliged to provide information if its release may endanger the physical or mental health of any individual, or endanger the safety of any individual. In line with the terms of this exemption, we have considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with a map of the floor plan of the emergency area. It was decided that because the release of this information would reveal sensitive details such as the locations of offices, treatment rooms, entrances and exits, this may put the safety of staff and members of the public at risk, and as such this outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.