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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: FOI 1158-19

Thank you for your email of 24th November 2019 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Dear FCO Services,

I am pursuing a Masters degree in Digital Health Leadership at Imperial College London and am conducting a research study for my dissertation.

My study aims to examine how to improve the implementation of Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) in the public sector.

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from FCO Services:

- 1. Does FCO Services allow staff to use their own devices to access work email? Please answer Yes or No.*
- 2. Does FCO Services allow staff to use their own devices for any other work-related activities? Please answer Yes or No.*
- 3. If you answered yes to question 2 please provide a list of the types of systems that staff can access from personally owned devices?*
- 4. Does FCO Services have a policy that covers BYOD or the use of personal devices at work? Please answer Yes or No.*
- 5. If you answered yes to question 4 please could you provide a copy of your policy that covers BYOD or personal device usage at work?*

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

I can confirm that the FCO Services does hold information relevant to your request.

1. FCO Services does not allow staff to use their own devices to access email or data.
2. See answer 1.
3. N/A

4. Yes: FCO Services has a range of policies, training and guidance to educate staff in what is good information management and security.

5. FCO Services has produced these documents in line with the HMG Security policy Framework published by the Cabinet Office and available at [.GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

FCO Services

