

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 17-276

Date 27 April 2017



Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

1. **Contract Category: Please see select from the categories provided; Banking Services; Financial Audit Services; Card Processing Service**
2. **Existing Supplier Name for each contract**

Banking Services (including Card Processing Service)	The Royal Bank of Scotland
External Audit Services	PriceWaterHouse Coopers

3. **Contract Description: Please do not just state two to three words can you please provide me detail information about this contract and please state if upgrade, maintenance and support is included. Please also include the modules included within the contract.**

	Contract Description
Banking Services	To provide Banking Services to the Trust
External Audit Services	To undertake the audit work required to provide an opinion on the Trust's annual report and accounts, including quality report, in accordance with the regulators timetable

Annual Average Spend for each contract

I can confirm that the Trust holds this information. We are not obliged to provide information relating to commercial interests. In this case, we believe that the information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the department who holds it (section 43(2) of the Act).

4. **Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract please include any available extensions within the contract.**

Banking Services	Rolling Contract
Financial Audit Services	3 years with an option to extend 2 x 12 months.

5. **Contract Start Date: What is the start date of this contract? Please include month and year of the contract. DD-MM-YY or MM-YY.**

Financial Audit Services	May 2012
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6. **Contract Expiry: What is the expiry date of this contract? Please include month and year of the contract. DD-MM-YY or MM-YY.**

Banking Services	No end date
External Audit Services	May 2017

7. **Contract Review Date: What is the review date of this contract? Please include month and year of the contract. If this cannot be provided, please provide me estimates of when the contract is likely to be reviewed. DD-MM-YY or MM-YY**

Banking Services	No review date planned
Financial Audit Services	May 2017. The current external audit contract commenced on 30 June 2012 for a period of three years with the option to extend for 2 x 12 months.

8. **Contact Details: I require the full contact details of the person within the organisation responsible for this particular contract.**

Paul Mapson, Director of Finance and Information Management and Technology

Notes: Please provide me with any further information with regards to this contract this could include any contract extension available as well as information on renewals or plans for future tenders.

When assessing whether or not it was in the public interest to disclose the information to you, in relation to Section 43(2) applied to question 4, we took into account the following factors:

Public interest considerations favouring disclosure

- Allow for more informed debate on the issue;
- Promote accountability and transparency for our decisions and in our spending of public money; and
- Assist the public to understand and challenge our decisions.

Public interest considerations favouring withholding the information

- Against these considerations the Trust had to balance the likelihood of disclosure having an adverse effect on the commercial interest of the Providers concerned and the Trust itself.

Having taken into account the arguments for and against disclosure, the Trust decided that the public interest in this case is best served by maintaining the exemption and by not disclosing the information requested, at this stage. The Trust considers that the possible benefits of disclosure are outweighed by the real risk of causing prejudice to the commercial interests of the Providers concerned and the Trust itself. In this case there is an overriding public interest in ensuring that companies are able to compete fairly and in ensuring there is competition for public sector contracts. We reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under Section 43 (2) of the Act at this time.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling 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:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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