

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 18-445**

27 July 2018

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Please can you send me the organisation's Local Area Network (LAN) contract, which may include the following:

- **Support and Maintenance- e.g. switches, router, software etc**
- **Managed- If this includes services than just LAN.**

The contract is commercial in confidence so we can't share it without the agreement of the current partner: we have therefore applied the Section 43 exemption from the Freedom of Information Act (see further details below).

1.Contract Type: Managed or Maintenance

Maintenance

2.Existing Supplier: Who is the current supplier?

Block Solutions

3.Annual Spend for each supplier: What is the annual average spending on the supplier above? If there is more than one supplier please split the annual averages spend for each supplier.

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4.Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.

8000

5.Number of Sites: The number of sites, where equipment is supported by each contract.

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6.Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?

CISCO

7.Contract Description: Please provide me with a brief description of the overall contract.

Supply and Maintenance

8.Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract is and can you please also include any extensions this may include.

5 years

9.Contract Expiry Date: When does the contract expire?

August 2018

10.Contract Review Date: When will the organisation is planning to review the contract?

August 2018

11.Responsible Officer: Contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?

Digital Communications Manager

1. If the LAN maintenance is included in-house please include the following information:

Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment? N/A

2.Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.

N/A

3.Number of Sites: Estimated/Actual number of sites the LAN covers. N/A

4.Responsible Officer: Who within the organisation is responsible for LAN please provide me with contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?

N/A

If the contract is managed by a 3rd party e.g. Can you please provide me with

1.Existing Supplier: Who is the current supplier?

N/A

2.Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.

N/A

3.Number of Sites: Estimated/Actual number of sites the LAN covers. N/A

4.Contract Type: Managed, Maintenance, Installation, Software

N/A

5.Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?

N/A

6.Contract Description: Please provide me with a brief description of the overall contract.

N/A

7.Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract is and can you please also include any extensions this may include.

N/A

8.Contract Expiry Date: When does the contract expire?

N/A

9.Contract Review Date: When will the organisation is planning to review the contract?

N/A

10.Responsible Officer: Who within the organisation is responsible for each of these contract(s) please provide me with contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?

N/A [Their Query]

Section 43 exemption – Commercial Interests

This is commercially sensitive information and will not be shared at an organisational level. **Section 43** of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Therefore; we are withholding this information at this time.

Public Interest Test:

When assessing whether or not it was in the public interest to disclose the information to you, we took into account the following factors:

Public interest considerations favouring disclosure

There is a public interest in disclosing information to facilitate accountability and transparency in the spending of public money.

There is a public interest in ensuring that companies are able to compete fairly.

There is also a public interest in ensuring that this is competition for public sector contracts.

Public interest considerations favouring withholding the information

Against disclosure is that the release of the requested information is commercially sensitive in that disclosing this information would reduce the number of companies willing to do business with the public sector, leading to reduced competition and increased costs.

Against disclosure is the public interest is the potential that by releasing the requested information would or would prejudice someone's commercial interests i.e. damage a company's reputation or the confidence that customers, suppliers or investors may have in a company.

Outcome

We have considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the requested information, despite the exemption being applicable. In this case, we have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information. We reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under Sections 43 of the Freedom of Information 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

Publication

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

Yours sincerely

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