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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 183-2021

Thank you for your email dated the 23rd June 2021, requesting information in relation to Firewall, Anti-virus and Enterprise Agreement.

The information that you require is as follows:

- 1. Standard Firewall (Network) - Firewall service protects your corporate Network from unauthorised access and other Internet security threats**
- 2. Anti-virus Software Application - Anti-virus software is a program or set of programs that are designed to prevent, search for, detect, and remove software viruses, and other malicious software like worms, trojans, adware, and more.**
- 3. Microsoft Enterprise Agreement - is a volume licensing package offered by Microsoft.**

The information I require is around the procurement side and we do not require any specifics (serial numbers, models, location) that could bring threat/harm to the organisation.

For each of the different types of cyber security services can you please provide me with:

- 1. Who is the existing supplier for this contract?**
- 2. What does the organisation annually spend for each of the contracts?**
- 3. What is the description of the services provided for each contract?**
- 4. Primary Brand (ONLY APPLIES TO CONTRACT 1&2)**

5. **What is the expiry date of each contract?**
6. **What is the start date of each contract?**
7. **What is the contract duration of the contract?**
8. **The responsible contract officer for each of the contracts above? Full name, job title, contact number and direct email address.**
9. **Number of Licenses (ONLY APPLIES TO CONTRACT 3)**

Please see Appendix 1

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

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

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and 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: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/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.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>

Appendix 1

Question	1. Standard Network Firewalls	2. Anti-Virus Software	3. Microsoft ELA
1. Who is the existing supplier for this contract?	CDW	Microsoft/Trustmarque	Trustmarque
2. What does the organisation annually spend for each of the contracts?	Exempt under Section 43(2) Commercial Interests *	Microsoft = Anti Virus Defender comes as part of Windows 10 and so there is no cost for this Trustmarque = Exempt under Section 43(2) Commercial Interests *	Exempt under Section 43(2) Commercial Interests *
3. What is the description of the services provided for each contract?	Support & Maintenance	Support & Maintenance	Support & Maintenance
4. Primary Brand (ONLY APPLIES TO CONTRACT 1&2)	Cisco	Defender/Kaspersky	Microsoft
5. What is the expiry date of each contract?	18/02/2022	Microsoft = N/A Trustmarque = 19/12/2021	30/06/2022
6. What is the start date of each contract?	19/02/2021	Microsoft = N/A Trustmarque = 20/12/2020	01/07/2021
7. What is the contract duration of the contract?	12 Months	Microsoft = N/A Trustmarque = 12 Months	12 Months
8. The responsible contract officer for each of the contracts above? Full name, job title, contact number and direct email address.	James Crowther Head of IT Operations 0151 556 5000 jamescrowther@nhs.net	James Crowther Head of IT Operations 0151 556 5000 jamescrowther@nhs.net	James Crowther Head of IT Operations 0151 556 5000 jamescrowther@nhs.net
9. Number of Licenses (ONLY APPLIES TO CONTRACT 3)	N/A	N/A	3317

* Section 43(2): Commercial Interests

We have carefully considered your request and although we hold the information we have concluded that we will not be able to provide you with the information you have requested and we will rely on the exemption under Section 43(2) – Prejudice to commercial interests of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”).

Section 43(2) of the Act provides that information is exempt from disclosure if the information would or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity). One of the provisions of Section 43 relates to the disclosure of information where such disclosure might have an adverse effect on procurement and own commercial interests.

The Trust, as a public body is mindful that in order to engage this exemption we must demonstrate that disclosure of the information would, or would be likely to, prejudice or harm the commercial interests of any person (this can include the public authority holding it).

The term “would ...prejudice” has been defined as it is more likely than not to occur whereas “would likely....prejudice” is a lower threshold. The Trust has applied the prejudice test under Section 43 and we are content that the requirements of the test have been met.

Having reached the conclusion that the prejudice test has been met, we have also considered whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Public Interest Test

Factors in favour of disclosure

- The Trust recognises that there is a public interest in the disclosure of information which facilitates the accountability and transparency of public bodies for decisions.

Factors in favour of non-disclosure

- There is a public interest in the Trust being able to work within competitive markets where that results in a financial or resource benefit.
- Disclosure of the information would identify tailored pricing structures, the application of the Freedom of Information Act should not prejudice the fair operation of commercial markets and that suppliers should not face undue risks of harm from doing business with the NHS by disclosure of information
- Releasing the information would potentially create a lack of trust from current and future providers, thus restricting future competition which would prejudice the Trust’s ability to obtain best value and quality of service.

Having carefully considered the public interest test we have concluded that there is a strong public interest in maintaining the fair and proper operation of commercial markets for both the suppliers and the Trust.

Taking the above into consideration, having applied the necessary, relevant tests and taking all the current circumstances into consideration we are content that the requirements of all necessary and relevant tests have been met and the application of the exemption under Section 43(2) is appropriate on this occasion.