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Dear Requestor,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust. In accordance with S.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that we do hold information relevant to your request.

I would be grateful if you could please provide me with the following information on the hospital's estates procurement process.

1. How the hospital procures Construction Consultancy Services? In particular M&E consultancy services.

The procurement route is dependent on the value and urgency of the requirement. We use a number of routes: - quotations, mini competitions against frameworks, direct award against frameworks, or full open tenders.

2. If by your own framework, please advise:

The Trust does not have an internal framework.

a. The titles and content of the relevant frameworks N/A.

b. The start and end dates of the frameworks N/A.

c. Any possible extension periods to the frameworks N/A.

d. The companies appointed under the current frameworks (in relation to m&e Consultancy Services) N/A.

3. If there is no framework in place how does the hospital typically procure m&e consultancies under and over OJEU value thresholds and if not a Trust procured framework which frameworks do you typically use?

Please refer to question one's response. Any procurement over £25,000 that is not covered by a framework would be advertised on Contracts Finder and the tender run on Delta E-Sourcing online portal. The Trust uses any framework that has been awarded for the use of the NHS or public bodies, and relevant for the region we are situated in. Recently, the Trust has used that of the Crown Commercial Services and Shared Business Services.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Brown
IG and DP Specialist

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