



Mr Edward McMenamin

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17 March 2020

Dear Mr McMenamin,

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00047**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 24 February in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

1. Is a catering restaurant or café provided on the premises?
2. What are the addresses of the buildings in which the restaurants or cafés are located?
3. Who is the current catering incumbent of the catering contract?
4. What is the catering value? (Or is it nil subsidy?) Are the catering facilities shared with other departments?
5. When is the catering service contract due for re-tender?
6. How will it be re-tendered?
7. Is the contract part of a PFI?
8. Is it part of an FM contract? (and if so, what services are also included in the contract?) Who provides the other soft FM services?
9. Who will be the main person leading on the tender during the formal tender process?
10. When will the tender notice be issued?
11. Where will the tender notice be issued?
12. When is the tender due for release?
13. Is it on the CCS framework?
14. Who in the department is responsible for the management of the contract?
15. How many people are there on-site per day?

**Our response**

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold the information relevant to your request. UKRI has a number of research facilities, each of which have different arrangements for catering, and we anticipate that to collate information for all facilities would exceed the appropriate limit. Please see the information below which relates to our main Head Office site in Swindon.

1. Is a catering restaurant or café provided on the premises?  
An onsite canteen is provided.
2. What are the addresses of the buildings in which the restaurants or cafés are located?  
The café is located at UK Research and Innovation, Polaris House, North Star Avenue Swindon, SN2 1FL.
3. Who is the current catering incumbent of the catering contract?  
Aramark Ltd.
4. What is the catering value? (Or is it nil subsidy?) Are the catering facilities shared with other departments?  
The contract is run on a nil subsidy basis, zero value.
5. When is the catering service contract due for re-tender?  
March 2021.
6. How will it be re-tendered?  
Via the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) Framework

7. Is the contract part of a PFI?  
It is not a Private Finance Initiative.
8. Is it part of an FM contract? (and if so, what services are also included in the contract?) Who provides the other soft FM services?  
No, it is solely a catering contract. Other FM services are provided by ISS Facility Services Limited.
9. Who will be the main person leading on the tender during the formal tender process?  
The tender process is managed by the UKSBS Procurement team.
- We are withholding the names of individuals under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Disclosing this information would contravene the first Data Protection Principle as defined under Section 86 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2016. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.
10. When will the tender notice be issued?  
This date the tender notice will be issued has not yet been confirmed.
11. Where will the tender notice be issued?  
Via the CCS Framework.
12. When is the tender due for release?  
This date has not yet been decided.
13. Is it on the CCS framework?  
Yes.
14. Who in the department is responsible for the management of the contract?  
The contract is managed by the Meeting Rooms and Environmental and Manager, Joint Building and Office Services (JBOS). As noted in our response to Q9, we are withholding the names of individuals under section 40(2) of the FOIA.
15. How many people are there on-site per day?  
Approximately 2,000.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance

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Yours sincerely,

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