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5th February 2020

Our ref: FOI RFI 007944

Your ref: email received 10th January 2020

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Dear Carol

Freedom of Information Request

Further to your email dated and received by the Trust on 10th January 2020, our response to your request is as follows (highlighted in blue):

1. Are you part of a collaborative bank?
[Yes](#)
2. If not are you considering this in your STP?
[N/A](#)
3. If yes who is the current provider for the collaborative bank?
[NHS Professionals](#)
4. What are the fees for your collaborative bank?
[Sheffield Teaching Hospitals is an NHS Foundation Trust and as such operates in the commercial marketplace under competitive market conditions.](#)

[Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust can exempt the release of information if it considers release of the information would meet the conditions of an exemption allowed under the Act.](#)

[Section 43\(2\) of the Act allows an exemption if the release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Under the terms of the Act "person" can include the public authority holding this information \(in this case the Foundation Trust\).](#)

[The Trust considers that release of the information requested is exempt information in that its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interest of the Trust.](#)

[When Section 43\(2\) is engaged then it is important that the Trust considers potential commercial prejudice to themselves and where applicable, commercial prejudice to third parties. The Trust feels that the disclosure of this potential procurement information would be commercially prejudicial as follows:](#)

- [To the ability of the Trust to achieve value for money and](#)
- [To weaken the Trust's position in a competitive environment by releasing market sensitive information or information of potential use to its competitors.](#)

If the Trust were to release such information it could damage its long term strategic business plans by releasing information relating to the preparation of any competitive bid.

Under Section 43 of the Act has to consider the Public Interest Test and give reasoning of why it would not be in the public interest to release this information.

As stated earlier Sheffield Teaching Hospitals is a Foundation Trust that operates in the commercial market. The aim of the Trust is to develop and give the highest quality healthcare to patients, achieving this by using advanced treatment and expertise which is both cost effective and value for money. This enables the Trust to direct more of its funding back into that continuing healthcare. The Trust considers that the release of any commercially sensitive information would have an adverse effect on this process, so reducing its efficacy. This in itself would reduce the effectiveness of the service to those who come to the Trust for their healthcare provision.

It is therefore considered that in addition to being prejudicial to the commercial interests of the Trust, the Public Interest would not be served by the release of that same commercial information.

In consequence, the Trust considers that Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged and release of the information is exempt.

5. What savings have you made from the collaborative bank on your agency spend?
34% year on year savings
6. What % fill do you get from your collaborative bank?
RN - 32.7% fill from bank - support worker 79% fill

This completes the Trust response to your request, but please note:

Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request, you may ask for an internal review in accordance with Section VI Complaints Procedures of the Section 45 Code of Practice of the Freedom of Information Act 2000: and in accordance with Appendix E of the Trust's Code of Practice for Responding to Requests for Information (v 6.0 dated 29/07/19).

If you wish to complain you should contact:

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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

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Amy Cooper', written over a faint, light blue rectangular stamp.

Amy Cooper
Information Governance Officer