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Mr J Booth

By email:

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Dear Mr Booth,

**Freedom of Information – Request for Information**  
**Unique Reference: FOI 3741**

Thank you for your request for information dated 19 February 2015, which the Council received by email. You have requested the following information:

*Copies of all tenders submitted as part of the procurement process for IMCA services conducted in 2014.*

*We believe that the vast majority of the submissions made by bidders should be covered by the terms of legislation with the possible exception of personal information and detailed financial information that was submitted which the council may choose to redact*

Further to my letter to you dated 6 March, I am pleased to advise that the Council can now provide some of this information and details are attached.

You will note that some information within the document have been redacted in reliance upon sections 40 (Personal Information) and 43 (Commercial interests) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For clarity, the reasons for the individual redactions are as follows:

**Cloverleaf:**

Personal Information

The decision to redact the information throughout the rest of the tender submission has been made because this may be personally identifiable information. While this may not be the case in and of itself, it is the Council's view that if this information was considered with other available information the identity of the individuals could be determined.

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This exemption applies because:

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If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint, or request a review of the Council's decision, please write to Sandra J Stewart,

Borough Solicitor, at Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Wellington Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, Tameside OL6 6DL.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Commissioner cannot normally make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Council. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF and at [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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