

Response document – FOI request 6738

Request

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, the following:

1. If any, the name of the software solution(s) used to manage your corporate property/assets including facilities management (CAFM).
[BacktraqFM](#)
2. Who are the current supplier(s)?
[Micad Systems \(UK\) Limited originally Integrated Handheld Solutions Limited](#)
3. What was the actual contract value(s) of each contract?

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has decided that this information is exempt under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the trust feels that the disclosure of this information would prejudice, or would be likely to prejudice, the commercial interests of all competitors.

Section 17 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the trust, when refusing to provide requested information (because the information is exempt) to provide the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states that fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

Section 43(2) Commercial Interests exemption of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is a prejudice based qualified exemption which means that the harm (prejudice) in disclosure as well as the public interest consideration needs to be evidenced.

Harm

Consideration has been given to the likelihood that the release of this information would prejudice any future competition and commercial interests.

Public interest test	
Factors in favour of disclosure	Factors favouring non-disclosure
Where public funds are being spent, the trust is keen to demonstrate accountability and provide justification that money is being spent wisely and used effectively.	Any future tenders or quotations could be jeopardised if the contract value is disclosed.

Balancing Test

The trust has decided that the reasons for withholding this information are greater than the public interest in releasing it.

4. Start date & duration of the contract.
[01/04/2020-31/03/2021](#)
5. Is there an extension clause in the contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?
[Annual Renewal](#)
6. Has a decision been made yet on whether the contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?
[No Decision](#)
7. Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?
[Peter Redpath](#)