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Dear Mr Brenikov

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email received 12 November 2020 requesting information regarding the provision of continence products.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

Provision of continence products via a home delivery service

- start date and duration of the current contract

30/10/2019 to 29/10/2021

- value of the current contract

Approx. 2.5 million per annum

- which company was awarded this contract

Essity

- is there an extension clause in the contract and if so the duration of the extension

2 tranches of 12 months

- has a decision been made to extend the contract

No

Chairman John Goulston Chief Executive Paul Bentley

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- **who is the procurement lead on the contract**
- **who is the clinical lead on the contract**

It is Trust policy to not release names and contact details of staff below Executive Director Level as this constitutes personal information which is exempt under Section 40(2) in conjunction with Section 40(3A)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which relates to 'Personal Information'.

An excerpt of the relevant Freedom of Information legislation can be found below:

Section 40 – Personal information

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—

(a) it constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1), and

(b) either the first, second or third condition below is satisfied.

(3a) The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act

(a) would contravene any of the data protection principles, or

(b) would do so if the exemptions in section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (manual unstructured data held by public authorities) were disregarded.

However we are able to confirm that the Executive Director with overall responsibility for Procurement is Gordon Flack - Director of Finance and Deputy CEO and the Executive Director with overall responsibility for the continence service is Pauline Butterworth – Chief Operating Officer.

- **how many patients are receiving a home delivery service**

The current figures for patient numbers: 10,474

- **is the delivery service to the patient separate to the supply of product and if so who provides this service**

No

- **what is the value of the delivery element if funded separately**

Not applicable

- **was there a separate tender for the delivery service element**

No

- who is the senior officer outside procurement responsible for this contract and what are their contact details

As detailed above, it is Trust policy not to release the details of staff below Executive Director level, however as stated above the Executive Director with overall responsibility for the continence service is Pauline Butterworth – Chief Operating Officer.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: kcht.foi@nhs.net.

Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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, and Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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