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Dear Mrs Havercroft

I am writing to you following your email dated 15th February 2013, requesting an internal review into the response that was provided to you regarding FOI 1213 374B a thorough investigation has now been undertaken to review this response and to ensure that all available and appropriate information has been provided to you.

Initially a review has been undertaken by all those involved in the original decision to exempt the information. Subsequently, as Chief Executive of NHS Bristol I have fully reviewed all of the information and I am able to provide you with the following response.

I can confirm that R2H was contracted for Modernising Mental Health directly through a local contract with NHS Bristol.

Please find attached a copy of the local contract, information which is of a commercially sensitive nature has been redacted under Section 43 (2) of the freedom of information act.

Standing Financial Instructions require work likely to be more than £50,000 to go to a formal tender. As the complexity of the work and the number of days was unclear the value for the initial work was considered to be approximately £40,000 and thus quotations were taken by phone by the Associate Director of Procurement. 11 organisations were contacted and day rates against a draft person specification and tasks required were obtained.

Following this the Mental Health Programme Director and colleagues appointed R2H following discussions. A local agreement was confirmed as attached.

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Accountable officer: Anthony Farnsworth Chair: Stephen Harrison
NHS Bristol, NHS North Somerset and NHS South Gloucestershire formed a primary care trust cluster. Each organisation continues to be a legal body.



If you remain dissatisfied with this response you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner for Freedom of Information, as stated under the Freedom of Information Act. Information regarding this is available on their website www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours Sincerely



Anthony Farnsworth
NHS Bristol Chief Executive

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