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Please ask for Jonathan Sheward

Our ref: 552928

Your ref:

Date: 20 May 2015

Dear Mr Chang,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

You request for information has been considered by Warwickshire County Council. I apologise for the slight delay in providing our response, and for any inconvenience this has caused.

I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

You asked us:

1. The number of mini tenders requests made through this framework agreement. Please provide split between below £700 per week and above £700 per week

14 where WCC indicative budget < £700

24 where WCC indicative budget > £700

2. The total number of bids received for the mini-tenders requests made. Please provide split between below £700 per week and above £700 per week 3. The

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average number of responses received for each mini-tender request. Please provide split between below £700 per week and above £700 per week

25 bids relating to the 15 mini tenders < £700 p.w.

75 bids relating to 23 mini tenders > £700 p.w.

3. The average number of responses received for each mini-tender request. Please provide split between below £700 per week and above £700 per week

Average bids for mini tenders < £700 = 1.79 responses

Average bids for mini tenders > £700 = 3.26 responses

4 The number of placements that were successfully made through the mini tender process. Please provide split between below £700 per week and above £700 per week

14 placements..... 3 less than £700 and 11 above £700

5.. The number of mini-tender requests that did not directly lead to a placement for the person with the learning disability or autism. Please provide split between below £700 per week and above £700 per week

24 mini tenders..... 7 less than £700 and 17 more than £700.

6. The number of supported living placements made OFF framework. Please provide split between below £700 per week and above £700 per week

1 placement above £700 (i.e. the Council's indicative budget).....provider not yet known as family currently contacting organisations, inviting them to assess their relative and produce costings.

7. The rationale for each of the supported living placements made OFF framework

Customer and their family want to take their personal budget as a Direct Payment and not have the service provided via a Council contracted arrangement.

8. A list of the names of providers who have been successful in winning mini tenders and the number of placements each of these providers has won. Please provide split between below £700 per week and above £700 per week

Provider Name _____ Above £700 Below £700

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Friendship Care & Housing	1	
Polesworth Group Homes	1	
People In Action	2	
Individual Support Solutions	3	
Lifeways	1	1
Fine Futures	2	1
Heart of England Mencap	1	
New Directions		1

9. A list of the names of providers who have been awarded supported living placements off the framework and the number of placements each of the providers has won. Please provide split between below £700 per week and above £700 per week

See response given to question 6.

10. The number of placements made through the framework agreement that have broken down (ie the care provider has had to be changed or the person has had to move to another premises including hospitals). Please provide split between below £700 per week and above £700 per week

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11. A copy of the budgeting model, together with its underlying assumptions used to calculate the budget for each supported living framework mini-tender referral.

Please see Excel spreadsheet attached to our covering e-mail. This is our "Personalised Commissioning Plan" worksheet that is completed by both council staff and providers.

I advise that the "Scoring" sheet normally included within this spreadsheet has been protected and will not be accessible. This is because there is information within this sheet that is considered to be commercially sensitive, as it may prevent the council obtaining best value when sourcing services in the future.

Therefore please treat this letter as a Public Interest refusal notice under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in respect of this information.

The exemption applied is Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act - Commercial Interests. This exemption applies because it would not be in the commercial interests of

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the council to disclose the funds available when purchasing these services.

The reasons why the public interest favours withholding this information is to achieve best value for the council and those resident within the area covered by Warwickshire County Council.

However, the County Council does recognise that there are argument(s) in favour of disclosure which are as follows:

- Transparency in respect of how the Council spends public money;
- Enabling public scrutiny in ensuring that the Council is securing the best use of public resources

Nevertheless, the County Council considers that in all circumstances, on balance the public interest favours withholding the information at this time.

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:

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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:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Phone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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Jonathan Sheward
Information Rights Officer

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