

Title

Supply of Microsoft SQL licensing

Reference Number: RDF2460-24

Date of Response: 09/04/24

Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

"Project Name: Mini Competition under RM6068 for the Supply of Microsoft SQL Licensing

Reference number: 20240207093916-45644

Link: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/notice/79ca9bee-64b5-4c31-8ed3-27f48803a79e?origin=SearchResults&p=1>"

1. *Copy of successful tender – we want this information under **freedom of Information act 2000**.*
2. *Scoring table of all bidders, split by scores awarded for each question of bid.*
3. *Price/Cost Proposed by each Bidder – we want this information for all the bidders who submitted the response.*
4. *Name of the Winning Bidder.* Answer: Crayon Software
5. *Name & Rank of all bidders who submitted responses.*
6. *Approximate date that the tender will be reissued towards the end of the current contract period.* Answer: February 2027.

Trust answer: for questions 1, 2,3, and 5: Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act.

This information is commercially sensitive, and its release would or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

In applying the exemption under Section 43(2) the Freedom of Information Act the Trust has balanced the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosure. The Trust has considered all the relevant factors in the public interest test and concluded that the benefit to the public in applying the exemption outweighs the public interest in releasing the information requested as a result of the prejudices and losses that would potentially affect the Trust and patients. As such this information is being withheld under Section 43 (2).

Public Interest Test (PIT) - Non- Disclosure: -

The Trust holds this information. However, the Information is Exempt under Section 43 because releasing the requested information would give potential suppliers an unfair advantage over other bidders when bidding for future

work. That advantage would contravene the principle of fairness required from the Trust in Regulation 18 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

The release of the requested information would also undermine the Trust's suppliers' competitiveness in the market and breach the Trust's contracts with suppliers, which typically require such information to be kept confidential.

Public Interest Test (PIT) – For Disclosure

The Trust understand the need for openness and accountability for tender processes and price, and it recognises the need for value of money.