

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6064

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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Trac Systems e-recruitment software system.

*You asked:*

*I would like to make a freedom of information request for the following contract:*

*Trac Systems e-recruitment software system (used by the Trust)*

*I'd like to understand the following detail:*

*The contract term and expiry date (when this will be re tendered for)*

*The contract value*

Trust response:

The contract term will be expiring on the 08.01.2021.

In regards to tender the route to market will be made by the procurement department 3 / 4 before the contract is due to expire.

The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA to any further information, which provides an exemption from disclosure of further detailed information which would or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

The Trust believes that the information requested is of an amount which may identify the items or services provided which would be likely to damage the company's ability to win new business opportunities for their services and products and to perform them within a commercially competitive market.

The Trust has concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption, and therefore protecting the commercial interests of the suppliers and

preserving its ability to compete fairly in a commercial market, outweighs the public interest in disclosure in this case.

#### Supplier Transactions

All NHS bodies are required to publish details of individual invoices and transactions that are over £25,000. This is in response to guidance from HM Treasury which sets out the scope of the data. Details can be found on our website using the following link: [www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/](http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/)