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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 PEPPOL (Pan European Public Procurement On Line).

*You asked:*

- 1. Does your trust use PEPPOL as the messaging standard for key documents (purchase orders, advance shipping notes, invoices) to be exchanged between the trust and suppliers? \*Please see below for a PEPPOL definition*
  - a. If yes, please provide the name of the PEPPOL access point provider (i.e. GHX, Pagero, EDICOM, Tradeshift etc) \*Please see below for a definition of a PEPPOL access point provider*
  - b. What was the annual cost of their services in 17/18?*
  - c. Contract Start Date*
  - d. Contract End Date*
  - e. Did the organisation use a framework to procure this service? If so, please provide the framework name*
  - f. Please provide the name and job title of the individual who signed the contract.*
  - g. Following the purchase of your PEPPOL Access Point Supplier, has the organisation seen any quantifiable benefits, if so, please provide detail of these benefits (i.e. reduction of hours spent on manual checks, % of tasks process automation, reduction in errors)*
  
- 2. Does the PEPPOL access point provider integrate with any other non-NHS systems to provide services, supported by and compliant with PEPPOL? (i.e. to provide Process Orders (PO's), Stock Items, Auditing, Fraud Protection etc.)*

*a. If yes, please provide the name of the non-NHS provider and the type of service provided:*

Trust response:

1. Yes

a. GHX

b. The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA 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/)

c. April 2016

d. Annual rolling contract

e. Not known

f. Lesley Martin, Head of Procurement

g. Audit trail on orders issued. Management of catalogue has freed resource to work on other procurement systems. Reduction in time spent on invoice mismatches

2.

a. Integra (Finance system), Omnicell (Inventory Management System)