

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6048

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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 Cyber Security.

You asked:

- 1. Standard Firewall (Network) - Firewall service protects your corporate Network from unauthorised access and other Internet security threats*
- 2. Anti-virus Software Application - Anti-virus software is a program or set of programs that are designed to prevent, search for, detect, and remove software viruses, and other malicious software like worms, trojans, adware, and more.*
- 3. Microsoft Enterprise Agreement - is a volume licensing package offered by Microsoft.*

The information I require is around the procurement side and we do not require any specifics (serial numbers, models, location) that could bring threat/harm to the organisation.

For each of the different types of cyber security services can you please provide me with:

- a. Who is the existing supplier for this contract?*
- b. What does the organisation annual spend for each of contract?*
- c. What is the description of the services provided for each contract? Please do not just state firewall.*
- d. Primary Brand (ONLY APPLIES TO CONTRACT 1&2)*
- e. What is the expiry date of each contract?*
- f. What is the start date of each contract?*
- g. What is the contract duration of contract?*
- h. The responsible contract officer for each of the contracts above? Full name, job title, contact number and direct email address.*
- i. Number of Licenses (ONLY APPLIES TO CONTRACT 3)*

Trust response:

1. Not applicable - These are not under a contract. They are a one off purchase and we manage them ourselves.
2.
 - a. IT Health.
 - b. The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of 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 contains details which would be likely to damage the companies ability to win new business opportunities for their services 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/

- c. Sophos Endpoint Advanced - 5 year NHS framework price
- d. The trust has applied Section 31 (1)(a) of the FOI Act (Law Enforcement) to this question as providing this could compromise the security of the Trust's network / data and might materially cover activity which forms part of ongoing criminal investigations

The information which has been withheld is exempt from disclosure under section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act. The relevant parts of the ICO guidance on the subject (<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1207/law-enforcement-foi-section-31.pdf>) run as follows:

31.—(1) Information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice - (a) the prevention or detection of crime. It could be used to withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime for example, by disclosing its own security procedures. It is the view of this trust's Information security function that disclosure of the information above would prejudice our ability to resist cyber-attacks, etc. on our systems.

The Trust has issued a Cyber Security statement which can be found on our website using the following link: <https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>

e. 30/04/2023

f. 1/05/2018

- g. 5 Years
- h. Darren Twort
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- i. Not requested
- 3.
- a. Bytes
- b. £229699.98
- c. Microsoft Server Cloud Enrolment.
- d. Not requested
- e. 31/03/2021
- f. 01/04/2018
- g. 3 Years
- h. Simon Hodge
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- i. 171