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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 Courier Service Contract.

You asked:

Please send me details for the period 2020-2021 on the following:

- a) The total value of the courier service contracts that were outsourced*
- b) The name of your primary courier supplier*
- c) The value of your primary supplier's contract*
- d) The expiry date of that contract*
- e) The total cost of the courier services that were not outsourced but managed in-house?*
- f) The number of staff employed in managing the in-house contracts*
- g) The number of vehicles either owned or leased to meet the in-house courier requirement*
- h) The name and email of the person responsible for the management of courier services*

Trust response:

- a) Due to the upcoming expiry date for the contract 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/

b) City Sprint

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d) November 2021 has extension of 2 years

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f) 25

g) 21 Vehicles

h) John Knight john.knight3@nhs.net