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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 junior doctor/trainee rotas.

You asked:

- 1. Does your organisation use any third-party software to support the creation of junior doctor/trainee rotas? If yes, please state the name of the supplier. For clarity a rota is a pattern of shift work with no individuals attached to it. A rota is used to form a blueprint of compliance or rules based on working patterns for a department, team or unit e.g. to create junior/trainee doctor rotas compliant to the 2016 Junior Doctor contract. Rotas are not to be confused with rosters (when shifts are allocated to workers).*
- 2. What is the contract start date for your rota supplier? (dd/mm/yy)*
- 3. What is the contract end date for your rota supplier? (dd/mm/yy)*
- 4. What was the annual cost of your rota supplier for the financial year 20/21 (April 2020 - March 2021)*

Trust response:

1. eRota – Yes. Allocate
2. 15/01/19
3. 14/01/23
4. 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/