

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 7347

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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 Private healthcare providers for staff.

You asked:

Please may you send me details of the Trust's spending:

- a) with private healthcare providers on occupational health services for the Trust's staff and*
 - b) on medical treatment for Trust staff delivered by private healthcare providers*
- for each of the following financial years: 2021-22; 2020-21; 2019-20; and 2018-19.*

Trust response:

a) In line with other FOI requests of a similar nature and in order to maintain the commercial interests of the company concerned, the Trust is willing to supply the name of the company and the level of service provided. The Trust provides an Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) through Health Assured. 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.

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b)

In line with other FOI requests of a similar nature and in order to maintain the commercial interests of the company concerned, the Trust is willing to supply the name of the company and the level of service provided. The Trust has provided specialist support to individuals through Psicon. 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.

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