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Reference: 2015-200

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act 2000

Following your request for information we received on the 14 January 2015, we are providing you with access to the recorded information held by Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust in answer to your enquiry.

You requested the following information:

“Can you please confirm whether you have procured or are in the process of procuring via the current ‘Payroll, HR Administration and Transactional Recruitment Framework”.

I can confirm on behalf of the Trust that this was the framework it used with the London Procurement Partnership.

1. If so, can you please confirm which of the following lots you have procured?

a. Payroll Services.

Yes.

b. HR Administration.

No.

c. Transactional Recruitment.

No.

2. If so, which supplier have you selected?

Equiniti ICS Ltd

3. And if you have outsourced these functions but not via this framework:

Not applicable

4. What is the overall value of the contract?

Refusal Notice

The Trust is unable to provide this information because it considers it to be commercially sensitive information and an exemption under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies:

Section 43(2) states:

“Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).”

The Trust is of the opinion that releasing this information would prejudice the commercial interests of both the Trust and the third party concerned for the following reason:

The contract price amounts to the Trust being invoiced by the third party per payslip rather than an overall contract amount. The disclosure of the information would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the third party as it would reveal how it obtained a competitive advantage if it were to reveal details of its pricing structure.

Section 43(2) is a qualified exemption and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

Both the Trust and the third party concerned believe that disclosure of the amount per payslip, and effectively the contract price could prejudice the Trust's ability to make sound purchasing decisions. Releasing information on the third party's pricing structure would give an unfair competitive advantage in any potential contract negotiations if the Trust went out to tender for the contract or if the third party were tendering for contracts elsewhere. In this case there is an overriding public interest in ensuring that companies are able to compete fairly and in ensuring that there is competition for public sector contracts.

In view of the above, the Trust has concluded that the public interest in withholding the requested information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it on this occasion.

I do hope you are satisfied with the way in which your response was handled, if not you may request an internal review at the above email address within 28 days of this

letter. When contacting the Trust please use the above reference that is unique to your request.

If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner' Office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF and on the Information Centre's website. www.ico.gov.uk/

Yours sincerely


Interim Information Governance Officer