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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked:

This Freedom of Information request concerns eProcurement systems (electronic procurement systems) used by the Trust. This includes any/all software tools used by the Trust within the procurement department to facilitate the sourcing and purchasing of goods and/or services used by the Trust. This information gathering exercise is being carried out to assess the efficiency and value achieved by the Trust in its procurement activities.

Where different and distinct systems are in use at separate Trust sites, please disclose this. Where this is the case, please answer the following sections in a site-specific format. **All systems are consistent across all Trust sites.**

Where any/all of the procurement functions are outsourced to another party/parties (e.g. a private company or a distinct NHS body) please disclose the structure of this relationship. **For clarity, the Procurement Dept is not outsourced.**

1. Does the Trust have/have use of an eProcurement system(s)? **Yes**
If so, please name the provider(s). **Shared Business Services (SBS) - Oracle**
2. What is the length (in years) of the contract(s) in place with such provider(s)? **7 years**
3. What is the end/renewal date (dd/mm/yyyy) of the contract(s)? **31 March 2022**
4. What Finance/E.R.P (enterprise resource planning) system does the Trust use? **In house system**
5. How many members of staff work in the procurement/purchasing department(s) at the Trust? **14**
6. How many members of staff across the Trust have permission/access to raise requisitions and purchase orders through the eProcurement system(s) in place? (estimate) **610**

The following section of this FOI request concerns the capability of any/all eProcurement systems being used by the Trust.

1. Does the system(s) in place cover the sourcing (auctioning/tendering) of goods/services used by the Trust? **Yes (EU Supply via SBS)**
2. Does the system(s) in place cover the management of contracts with chosen suppliers? **No**
3. Does the system(s) in place cover the enablement of electronic catalogues to allow buyers within the Trust to purchase goods/services sourced by the Trust? **Yes (Oracle/GHX via SBS)**
4. Does the system(s) in place cover the payment to suppliers for goods/services sourced by the Trust? This includes the management of electronic Purchase Orders, Goods Receipts and Invoices. **Yes (Oracle via SBS)**

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5. Does the system(s) in place cover the management of supplier relationships and performance? **No**
6. Does the system(s) in place have the capability to analyse current and/or historical procurement spend by the Trust? **Yes (Oracle via SBS)**
7. Does the system(s) in place have the capability to report and demonstrate data relating to procurement spend by the Trust? **Yes (Oracle via SBS)**
8. Does the system(s) in place have the capability to integrate with the Finance/E.R.P (enterprise resource planning) system? **Yes**
9. Are updates (free or paid) offered for the incumbent system(s), either on a regular or irregular basis? **Free**
10. Are there any formalised projects or initiatives currently underway to review/upgrade current procurement practices within the Trust? If yes, please provide details. **The department is working towards all regional and national initiatives including the Lord Carter recommendations, taking part in Department of Health Future Operating Model, and implementing NHS Supply Chain Nationally Contracted Products.**

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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