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Date Received: 26th March 2025

Response Due: 25th April 2025

Date: 23rd April 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 26th March 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding facilities management, estate management and/or commercial building maintenance tenders undertaken by your organisation.

I would like to request the following information:

Tender Process

- a. Anticipated return to market dates for any relevant tender notices or advertisements and the expected platforms to be used.**

Churchill Contract Services Limited = September 2029.

Eric Wright = Early 2027.

Atamis is the expected platform, but it will depend on the framework requirements if we need to utilise the platform or not.

- b. Any minimum requirements (financial, professional, or otherwise) that bidders will have to meet.**

Need to meet framework requirements.

Contract Award Details

- a. The name of the successful contractor(s), along with the total contract value and duration detailing if these are fixed service costs or reactive and project works / combined.**
b. The contract commencement date, duration and potential extensions, if included.

c. **A summary of the services included in the contract.**

d. **A record of any significant changes or variations to the scope of works, contract value, or timeframe since contract award.**

Please see the table below.

Question a	Question b	Question c	Question d
Churchill Contract Services Limited 3 years fixed contract. The total contract is being withheld under Section 43 of the FOI Act. Please see the below.	04/11/2024 – 03/11/2027 Option to extend for 12 + 12 months.	Provision of comprehensive cleaning services to offices, toilets, kitchens, public meeting areas and other working areas. Provision of caretaking services (unlock gates and secure building at the end of the day).	None.
Eric Wright 2 years fixed contract. The total contract is being withheld under Section 43 of the FOI Act. Please see the below.	01/04/2023 - 31/03/2025 x2 12-month extension options.	Planned maintenance and testing of building fabric, electrical and fire systems, HVAC, Lofts, Lighting, plumbing and water system, security systems, security services, grounds maintenance and disposal of offensive and clinical waste.	None.

Documentation

a. **Copies of the tender return documents for the current service provider that are not exempt from FOI requests.**

Churchill = tender was run by the framework provider; therefore the Trust does not hold the information.

Eric Wright = N/A direct award via the framework.

The above request has been answered based on building maintenance and not commercial building maintenance, as WWL is an NHS Trust and not a commercial building. Facilities Management and Estate Management are undertaken in-house directly by WWL therefore tendering isn't applicable.

Section 43(2) – Commercial interests

Information regarding contract values has been withheld under section 43(2) of the FOIA if its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

Section 43 of the FOIA is a qualified exemption and is subject to the Prejudice Test and the Public Interest Test.

Prejudice test

We confirm that we have carried out a full prejudice test and that, on the balance of probability, the Trust's interests would be prejudiced in the event of disclosure. Therefore, we confirm that the Prejudice Test is engaged.

Public interest test

We have also carried out the Public Interest Test to ascertain whether the public interest in disclosure outweighs the public interest in withholding the requested information:

Public interest in disclosure of the information:

- We acknowledge that there is public interest in transparency around how the Trust engages with suppliers and procurement.
- We acknowledge that there is public interest in the Trust's finances.

Public interest in withholding of the information:

- **Protecting public finances** – As a public authority, the Trust must ensure that it obtains the best value for money. Disclosure of the information would be likely to affect the quality of future offers provided to the Trust. It is therefore firmly in the public interest not to disclose any information which would affect commercial offers made to the Trust, which in turn will affect the Trust's finances.
- **Ensuring fair competition** – Information provided to the Trust during the procurement process contains sensitive competition information. It is not in the public interest to disclose information which would affect free and fair competition.
- **Transparency** – We understand that there is public interest in how the Trust engages with suppliers. However, we consider that the information held by the Trust would not significantly further the public understanding of its relationship with these suppliers beyond what has already been disclosed in this response.
- **Reputation damage or loss of confidence** - It is firmly in the public interest that the Trust takes all steps to protect its reputation around information handling. It is not in the public interest to do anything which would jeopardise our ability to maintain strong working relationships with third parties.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111