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Response Due: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 7<sup>th</sup> November 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:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request copies of the following:**

**1. How many active commercial technology contracts does your Trust currently hold?**  
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**a. For each contract, please provide:**

- **The contract title or name.**

Please see the attached.

- **The supplier/vendor name.**

Please see the attached.

Information regarding 'Mobile Phone and data' is exempt under Section 31 of the FOI Act for the following reasons: The Trust like any organisation may be subject to cyber-attacks and, since it holds large amounts of sensitive, personal and confidential information, maintaining the security of this information is extremely important. Cyber-attacks, which may amount to criminal offences for example under the Computer Misuse Act 1990 or the Data Protection Act 1998, are rated as a Tier 1 threat by the UK Government.

**b. For each active commercial technology contract that your Trust currently holds, please provide:**

- **How long each of the contracts are currently held for.**

Please see the attached, all contract dates and extensions are included.

- **The start date and current end/expiry date.**  
Please see the attached.
- **The annual value or average yearly spend under each active commercial technology contract.**  
This information is being withheld under Section 43 of the FOI Act. Please see the below.
- **If the contract includes any extension or renewal options? If yes, please state the length and terms of these extensions.**  
Please see the attached.

c. **For each active commercial technology contract that your Trust currently holds, please specify:**

- **If any of these contracts relate specifically to cloud hosting or data center services.**  
None related to cloud hosting or data centre services.
- **A brief description of the product or service covered by the contract, for instance type of technology or digital service covered (e.g. Electronic Patient Records, Cybersecurity, AI tools, Telephony).**  
All contracts have the product of service included in the title on the attached.

**Clarification:** Please can you advise of whether there is a specific area you would like us to look at, to reduce the scope of this request?

**Response:** By active commercial technology contracts, I mean any current, live contracts or agreements with external suppliers that relate primarily to the provision of digital, IT, or technology-related products or services.

This includes both:

- Software and digital systems (e.g. Electronic Patient Records, data management systems, cybersecurity tools, telephony, AI tools, etc.)
- Hardware or infrastructure supporting those systems (e.g. servers, cloud hosting, data centres, networking equipment).
- The term commercial simply means that the contract is with an external supplier or vendor (not internally developed or maintained in-house).

Please focus on contracts managed by Digital, IT, or Information Management teams — i.e. contracts for technology systems and digital solutions used across clinical and non-clinical services. This does not include fleet, estates, or purely medical devices unless they have a substantial software or IT component (e.g. diagnostic systems that include a digital platform).

#### Section 43(2) – Commercial interests

Information regarding contract values have 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 providers. 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,



Garry Harris  
Deputy Director Digital & Chief Technology 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  
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