



# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Response Due: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 15th January 2024, 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:

- **Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each framework/contract and were successful and not successful at the PQQ & ITT stages**

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- **Actual spend on this contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date**

Section 43(2) – Commercial interests

Information regarding Actual spend on this contract/framework has been withheld under section 43(2) of the FOIA if its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

### 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 Canon 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.

- **Start date and duration of framework/contract**

01/04/2022 – 31/03/2024

- **Could you please provide a copy of the service/product specification given to all bidders for when this contract was last advertised?**

Please see attached.

- **Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?**

Yes

- **Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?**

Yes, contract extended.

- **Who is the Senior Officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract + contact information**

John Fairhurst

- **Who is the Infection Control Lead responsible for the Trust + contact information**

Julie O' Mally

- **Who is the Procurement Lead for Clinical Waste contracts for the Trust + contact information**

It is not Trust policy to release details of non-patient facing members of staff below AfC band 8a.

- **Who is the Environmental/Sustainability Lead for the Trust + contact information**

Josh Balmer

- **Who is the Waste Management Lead for the Trust + contact information**

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- **Who is the Health and Safety Lead for the Trust + contact information**

Lynne Bushell

- **Who is the current Clinical Waste incumbent (service provider)?**

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- **Does the Trust make use of reusable or disposable sharps containers and who is the service provider?**

No

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  
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