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Thank you for your request concerning ICT Cabling Works.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

At the moment I am looking to ascertain exactly how the NHS procures it's day to day ICT cabling works, which would either be through;

1. An existing framework with existing specified contractors.

As a Trust we carry out our cabling procurement in line with our Standing Financial Instructions which are designed to ensure that its financial transactions are carried out in accordance with the law and Government policy in order to achieve probity, accuracy, economy, efficiency and effectiveness. They are used in conjunction with the 'Scheme of Delegation' adopted by the Trust.

The anticipated value of the procurement would normally determine the procurement route. For most procurements over the OJEU threshold, we would normally use a framework agreement.

2. An existing 'preferred supplier list' whereby an unofficial list of contractors exist and quotations are sought on a preferred basis.

The Trust does not maintain a 'preferred supplier list' of cabling suppliers¹. All our IT services are outsourced to Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Luton ICT (HBLICT) (hosted by East and North Hertfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group) in an internal NHS shared service. You may wish to contact them directly at the below email address regarding this.

HBL ICT Head of ICT Financial Services: usman.khan@nhs.net

3. In the event an existing framework is in place, which would prevent NIS from undertaking any works until a new framework opportunity is advertised, I would like to establish when the contract is likely to expire / be re-advertised.

This would be part of each individual framework. Please contact the organisations who have established these frameworks for further information. Please note that these dates are usually available publicly on the frameworks' websites.

¹ Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

4. **However, should the NHS utilise a preferred supplier list, I would like to establish how we may go about adding ourselves to that supplier list.**

Please see the answer to question 2.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

**Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

