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Thank you for your request concerning Lone Workers.

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

1. How many lone workers does your organisation have?

Over 1,000

2. Do you have an existing contract in place with a lone worker solutions supplier?

Yes

If Yes:

3. How many devices do you have in place?

Please see the response to question 6¹. To disclose this number would enable you to work out the price per unit.

4. What type of device / app is deployed to staff?

Mobile app and key fob-style device.

5. What was the total value of the contract awarded?

£178,200.

6. What is the price per unit?

The Trust considers the breakdown of the price per unit to be commercially sensitive under Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Information is exempt if disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person, including the public authority holding the information. This is a qualified exemption and therefore subject to the public interest test. We have considered the reasons for and against disclosure below:

Reason in favour of disclosure

There is considerable interest in ensuring the Trust is transparent about its spending of public money at a time when public finances are under considerable scrutiny and ensuring public trust.

¹ Section 43 – Information that constitutes a trade secret or may prejudice commercial interests.

Reason against disclosure

Disclosing this information could prejudice future commercial procurement exercises and our ability to ensure value for money. We feel that there is a greater public interest in non-disclosure due to the importance of ensuring the best use of public money, ongoing contract negotiations and achieving best outcomes for the Trust.

We reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this breakdown under Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Trust has released the total contract value which we feel satisfies our transparency obligations.

7. What date was the contract started?

October 2020

8. What date does the contract end?

October 2023

9. Is there a potential extension applicable to this existing contract? If so, how long is it?

Yes there is a possible extension of up to 2 years.

10. We you or have you applied that extension?

The right of access created by the Freedom of Information Act only applies to recorded information. This does not include requests asking for a person's opinions or general advice.

This is not recorded information²

11. Who is your current supplier?

Peoplesafe

12. Was this contract accessed via a Framework?

Yes

13. When you go back out to market will you do this independently or via a framework?

Please see the answer to question 10. This is not recorded information².

14. Who is responsible for reviewing the market prior to next contract agreement?

The Health & Safety Team and Procurement.

If No:**15. Please provide the name, email address and contact number of the person(s) responsible for health, safety and risk management of your staff?**

² 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.

Not applicable.

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](#).

