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Our Ref: FOI/03940

Thank you for your request concerning Confidential Waste Contract.

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

**I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the contract below.**

#### **Confidential Waste**

**The details we require are:**

**1. Has confidential waste being procured via tender or framework or another means?**

It was procured via a framework.

**2. If a framework, could you confirm the name of the framework please?**

ESPO (Framework 379).

**3. Actual contract values of each framework/contract (& any sub lots)**

We have applied S43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act to this question because the contract is due to go out to tender in the very near future.

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:

Reasons in favour of disclosure:

- The Trust aims to be open and transparent
- The public have right to know how public money is being spent

Reasons against disclosure:

- The activity is conducted in a commercial environment and disclosing this information could inhibit future procurement exercises and our ability to ensure value for money should the expenditure of the current contract be within the public domain.

We feel that there is a greater public interest in non-disclosure due to the importance of ensuring a level commercial playing field and achieving best value in negotiations for public sector contracts.

**4. Start date & duration of contract**

Commencement Date: May 2021

End Date: There is no end date; please see the answer to question 5.

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

Yes there is an extension clause which will be on a month by month basis until the Trust terminates.

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

Yes, the Trust will be going out to Tender on all waste services via LPP DPS within the next 3 months.

**7. Who is the procurement officer responsible for this contract and could you provide their email address and phone number please?**

There is not a procurement officer responsible for this contract.

**8. Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract and could you provide their email address and phone number please?**

Kuly Gabri – Soft Facilities Management Services Manager, [Kuldeep.gabri@nhs.net](mailto:Kuldeep.gabri@nhs.net)

**9. Who is the current supplier?**

F&R Cawley Limited

**10. If your current supplier is a Facilities Management/Waste Company, which sub-contractor services your organisation?**

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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*

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**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](#).

