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Our Ref: FOI/04438

Thank you for your request concerning confidential waste destruction contract.

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

**The details I require are:**

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

This information is already in the public domain. Please follow this [link](#) to a previously published response (FOI 3940).<sup>1</sup>

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

Please follow the link provided under question 1.

**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 next two months.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 21 – Information is available through other means

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

Please follow the link provided under question 1.

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

Please follow the link provided under question 1.

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

Please follow this [link](#) to FOI 4421 for updated information regarding our waste contract(s).

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

Please follow the link provided under question 1.

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

Please follow the link provided under question 1.

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

Please follow the link provided under question 1.

**10. If your current supplier is a Facilities Management/Waste/Cleaning Company, which subcontractor services your organisation? E.g., which company's staff actually collect your confidential waste?**

Please follow the link provided under question 1.

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](#).

