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Thank you for your request concerning Software Contracts.

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

As per my records, Advanced Business Solutions finance contract has expired. I would like to know whether this contract is still valid or replaced by any other supplier.

The information I'm requesting is regarding the software contracts that the organisation uses, for the following fields.

- 1. Name of Supplier: Can you please provide me with the software provider for each contract?**
- 2. The brand of the software: Can you please provide me with the actual name of the software. Please do not provide me with the supplier name again please provide me with the actual software name.**
- 3. Description of the contract: Can you please provide me with detailed information about this contract and please state if upgrade, maintenance and support is included.**

Please refer to one of our many responses to the above questions¹.

Please also list the software modules included in these contracts.

- 4. Number of Users/Licenses: What is the total number of user/licenses for this contract?**
- 5. Annual Spend: What is the annual average spend for each contract?**
- 6. Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract please include any available extensions within the contract.**
- 7. Contract Start Date: What is the start date of this contract? Please include month and year of the contract. DD-MM-YY or MM-YY.**
- 8. Contract Expiry: What is the expiry date of this contract? Please include month and year of the contract. DD-MM-YY or MM-YY.**
- 9. Contract Review Date: What is the review date of this contract? Please include month and year of the contract. If this cannot be provide please provide me estimates of when the contract is likely to be reviewed. DD-MM-YY or MM-YY.**

We have applied S43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act to questions 4 to 9 because the contract is currently under negotiation.

¹ Section 21 – Information is available through other means

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.

10. Contact Details: I require the full contact details of the person within the organisation responsible for this particular software contract (name, job title, email, contact number).

In an effort to ensure that the Trust does not receive unsolicited communications and/or any potential malicious malware, the Trust does not routinely publish the names or contact details of staff other than those publicly available through our [Trust website](#).

Any staff details disclosed will be at senior level only and should not be used for the purpose of unsolicited communications or marketing purposes (in accordance with The Privacy and Electronic Communication Regulations, PECR) as well as ICO (Information Commissioner's Office) guidance.

Please note that any person/s or organisation found to be in breach of PECR may be subject to criminal prosecution, non-criminal enforcement and audit. The Information Commissioner can also serve a monetary penalty notice imposing a fine of up to £500,000 which can be issued against the organisation or its directors.

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](#).

