

28 March 2023

Information Rights & Compliance Team  
99 Waverley Road  
St Albans  
Hertfordshire  
AL3 5TL

Tel: 01727 804227  
Email: [Hpft.foi@nhs.net](mailto:Hpft.foi@nhs.net)

Our Ref: FOI/04562

Thank you for your request concerning our clinical waste contracts.

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

**1. Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each framework/contract and were successful & not successful at the PQQ & ITT stages**

Our clinical waste contract is due to be released for tender in April 2023.

**2. Actual spend on this contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date**

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 month.

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.

**3. Start date & duration of framework/contract?**

Please see the answer to question 1.

4. **Could you please provide a copy of the service/product specification given to all bidders for when this contract was last advertised?**

The full specification will be available once tendering commences.

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

Please see the answer to question 1.

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

Please see the answer to question 1.

7. **Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?**

- a. **Who is the Infection Control Lead responsible for the Trust + contact information?**
- b. **Who is the Procurement Lead for Clinical Waste contracts for the Trust + contact information**
- c. **Who is the Environmental/Sustainability lead for the Trust + contact information**
- d. **Who is the Waste management Lead for the trust + contact information**
- e. **Who is the Health and Safety lead for the Trust + contact information**

The purpose of the Freedom of Information is to provide public access to information held by public authorities, not to be a directory enquiry.

- f. **Who is the Clinical waste incumbent?**

Rentokil Initial UK Limited

- g. **Does the Trust make use of reusable or disposable sharps containers?**

Please see the answer to question 4.

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](#).

