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Our Ref: FOI/04974

Thank you for your request concerning Waste Management Contract.

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

I am writing concerning all your waste management contracts to request the following information:

Question		
Waste Type	Clinical	Domestic & Confidential
Waste tonnages	<i>Section 43 applied</i>	<i>S43 applied</i>
Incumbent contractor	<i>Rentokil Initial</i>	<i>Cawleys</i>
Contract start:	<i>Jan-21</i>	<i>Jan-21</i>
Contract annual value	<i>Section 43 applied</i>	<i>Section 43 applied</i>
Length of the contract	<i>31/03/2024 or until re-tender process is completed</i>	<i>31/03/2024 or until re-tender process is completed</i>
The Authority's intention to extend	<i>Extension permissible only to allow for procurement process to be concluded – currently at evaluation/moderation stage.</i>	<i>Extension permissible only to allow for procurement process to be concluded – currently at evaluation/moderation stage.</i>
Expected date for retender	<i>Currently out to tender</i>	<i>Currently out to tender</i>
Name of waste contract officer	<i>Services Manager - Soft Facilities Management</i>	<i>Services Manager - Soft Facilities Management</i>

We have applied S43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act to the specifics of this contract because the contract has gone out to tender; currently we are at the evaluation/moderation stage under the permissible extension.

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.

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](#).

