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Our Ref: MB/SH FOI 5532

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5532

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 13th January 2023.

Your request was as follows:

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the Clinical Waste Contract/s that your trust currently has in place.

The details we require are:

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

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested. Therefore we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOIA, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOIA is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOIA does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

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

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust has spent £39,570 on this contract from 01/05/2022 to 31/12/2023.

3. Start date & duration of framework/contract?

Start Date - 1st May 2022.

Expiry Date 30th April 2027.

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

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

I can confirm that the contract has 2 x 12 month extensions.

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

No.

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

- Who is the Infection Control Lead responsible for the Trust + contact information?

- Who is the Procurement Lead for Clinical Waste contracts for the Trust + contact information

- Who is the Environmental/Sustainability lead for the Trust + contact information

- Who is the Waste management Lead for the trust + contact information

- Who is the Health and Safety lead for the Trust + contact information

- Who is the Clinical waste incumbent?

Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract? - Head of Facilities

Who is the Infection Control Lead responsible for the Trust + contact information? - Lead Nurse Infection Prevention & Control/Tissue Viability

Who is the Procurement Lead for Clinical Waste contracts for the Trust + contact information? - Head of Procurement

Who is the Environmental/Sustainability lead for the Trust + contact information? - Associate Director of Operations

Who is the Waste management Lead for the trust + contact information? - Senior Facilities Officer

Who is the Health and Safety lead for the Trust + contact information? - Health, Safety & EPRR Manager

Who is the Clinical waste incumbent? - Stericycle

8. Does the Trust make use of reusable or disposable sharps containers?

Yes, the WCFT uses reusable sharps containers via Sharpsmart.

Please see our response above in blue.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5532 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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