

FOI 3156

18th June 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

I would be grateful if you could provide the most recent contract information you hold for the following areas:

Standard Firewall (Network)

Firewall services that protect the organisation's network from unauthorised access and other internet security threats.

Response:

Please see attached document. You may wish to redirect your query to the Business Services Organisation (BSO), contact details below:

Foi.bso@hscni.net

Anti-virus Software Application

Programs designed to prevent, detect, and remove viruses, malware, trojans, adware, and related threats.

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Microsoft Enterprise Agreement

A volume licensing agreement that may include:

- **Microsoft 365 (Office, Exchange, SharePoint, Teams)**
- **Windows Enterprise**
- **Enterprise Mobility + Security (EMS)**
- **Azure services (committed or pay-as-you-go)**

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Microsoft Power BI

Or any alternative business intelligence platform used for data connectivity, dashboards, and reporting.

For each of the above areas, I kindly request the following:

- **Who is the existing supplier for this contract?**
- **What is the annual spend for each contract?**
- **What is the description of the services provided?**
- **Primary brand (where applicable)**
- **What is the start date of the contract?**
- **What is the expiry date of the contract?**
- **What is the total duration of the contract?**
- **Who is the responsible contract officer?**

Please include at least their job title, and where possible, name, contact number, and direct email address.

Response:

Some of the information requested in this FOI request is exempt from release under Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

This is a qualified exemption and so a Public Interest Test was carried out to decide if the information should be released or not. Having weighed up the factors for and against release, it was decided to withhold this information because the disclosure of such information would:

a) Leave (Southern Health & Social Care Trust) patients, clients & staff more vulnerable to crime

Section 31 – Law Enforcement Section

Section 31(1)(a) states that information is exempt if its disclosure is likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. ICO guidance states that this can be used to protect information on a public authority's systems which would make it more vulnerable to crime. It can be used by a public authority that has no law enforcement function:

- To protect the work of one that does
- To withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime.

How many licences or users are included (where applicable)?

Response:

Please see attached document for response.

Email: Foi.Team@Southerntrust.hscni.net