

FOI 2595

01<sup>st</sup> October 2024

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the contract below.

**SO2896130B — SHSCT TSC(Re-Issue) Framework for Building Maintenance, Minor Works and Community Aids and Adaptions:**

<http://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:245047-2020:TEXT:EN:HTML>

The details we require are:

- Actual spend on this contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date
- Start date & duration of framework/contract?

**Response:**

### **Section 43 – Commercial Interests**

The Trust is unable to provide this information for reasons of commercial confidentiality. This information is considered exempt from release into the public domain under section 43(2) (commercial interests) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Trust believes that releasing the information requested into the public domain under the FOI Act could be prejudicial to competition in future tendering processes.

There is a public interest in ensuring that service providers can compete fairly in the marketplace. There is also a public interest in ensuring that there is fair competition for public sector contracts.

Release of this information into the public domain may have a detrimental impact on the business relationship between the Trust and the provider, including future contracts.

Having considered the public interest arguments in relation to this information, it is the Trust view that the balance lies in favour of non-disclosure therefore there is a greater public interest in withholding the information and not releasing into the public domain under the FOI Act.

“As this is a live Framework, we are unable to divulge financial information as this is commercially sensitive. In terms of dates, start date was 1st June 2021 – completion date 1st June 2025”.

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

**Response:**

Framework has been set up as 3 years + 1 year

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

**Response:**

The option to extend has been exercised

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

**Response:**

Senior Officer are Andrew Cunningham (Head of Service) and Mark Bloomer (Assistant Director)

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