



23 December 2024

**Our Ref:** FOI 371

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to IT Contracts**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 15 November 2024. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

A response to questions 1c, 1d & 1e has been provided by the Planning, Performance & Informatics Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

In relation to questions 1a, 1b & 1f I would like to advise you that the Trust has decided not to release the information that is held for the following reasons:

The information requested in questions 1a, 1b & 1f is exempt from release under Section 31 and Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

These are all qualified exemptions 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) (Section 31) Leave the Trust patients, clients & staff more vulnerable to crime
- b) (Section 38) permits the withholding of information if there is a risk to Health and Safety of Individuals within the Trust. To withhold there must be a likelihood of endangerment to the physical or mental health of any individual

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

#### Section 38 – Health and safety

**Section 38 states** that as a security attack may lead to the placing of patient and client information into the public domain, the release of the requested information could potentially lead to harm for a number of patients (in a mental health context or may lead to physical harm)

The Trust believes there is a link between the risk endangerment for data subjects and the disclosure of the requested information. There would likely be a substantial detrimental effect on the physical or mental health of patients and clients, should the requested information be released

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of questions 1a, 1b & 1f.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital ([informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net](mailto:informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net)) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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**Rebecca Manning**  
**Information Governance Officer**

**Q1. Please provide a complete list of all current IT-related contracts entered into by the hospital. This should include, but not be limited to:**

- c. The total contract value**
- d. The contract start and end dates**
- e. The procurement method used (e.g. open tender, single source, etc.)**

A1. Please see Table 1 for a response to questions 1c, d & e.

Table 1

<b>START DATE</b>	<b>END DATE</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Procurement Method</b>
01/10/2024	30/09/2025	£8,142.19	Framework
24/01/2024	23/01/2025	\$1,773.00	Direct
01/04/2022	31/03/2025	£169,223.04	Framework
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£2,797.49	Framework
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£3,096.64	Framework
23/06/2024	22/06/2025	\$5,499.00	Direct
17/10/2024	17/10/2025	\$342.50	Direct
01/04/2022	31/03/2025	£109,828.43	Framework
28/02/2024	28/02/2025	£108,027.44	Framework
01/01/2025	31/12/2025	£9,409	Framework
16/02/2024	31/03/2025	£6,190	Framework
01/04/2021	31/03/2026	£26,950	Framework
01/04/2021	31/03/2026	£5,789	Framework
01/04/2022	31/03/2025	£5,581	Framework
01/03/2022	01/03/2025	3,027 EUR	Direct
31/03/2024	31/03/2025	£11,914	Framework
23/11/2024	31/10/2025	£53,887	Framework
04/02/2024	03/02/2025	£18,908	Framework
31/03/2025	31/03/2026	£14,430	Framework
22/01/2024	21/01/2025	£12,863	Framework
01/01/2024	01/01/2025	£9,571	Direct
30/05/2024	29/05/2025	£34,675	Framework
30/05/2024	29/05/2025	£337,862	Framework
01/04/2020	31/05/2025	£82,384	Framework
30/09/2020	30/09/2025	£37,302	Framework
30/06/2024	29/06/2025	£12,538	Framework
01/04/2023	31/03/2026	£36,116	Framework
30/06/2023	29/06/2024	£10,758	Framework
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£348,970	Framework
01/02/2024	01/02/2025	£766	Direct
01/02/2024	01/02/2025	£192	Direct
01/03/2024	01/03/2025	£766	Direct
18/01/2024	17/01/2025	£249	Direct

23/11/2024	22/11/2025	£9,385	Direct
08/03/2024	06/11/2026	£2,590	Direct
06/11/2023	06/11/2026	£1,409	Direct
07/06/2024	07/06/2026	£3,370	Direct
28/06/2024	28/06/2025	£34,560	Framework
30/04/2025	30/05/2025	£100	Direct
14/07/2023	14/08/2023	£0	Direct
13/08/2024	13/10/2024	£81	Direct
04/01/2024	03/01/2025	£100	Direct
06/04/2024	06/04/2025	£100	Direct
01/05/2024	30/04/2025	£100	Direct
11/02/2024	11/02/2025	£260	Direct
13/09/2024	13/01/2025	£1,667	Framework
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£36,586	Framework
01/03/2024	31/03/2025	£25,379	Framework
20/01/2022	19/01/2025	£19,288	Framework
02/04/2024	01/04/2027	£4,667	Framework
12/12/2024	12/12/2025	\$1497	Direct
10/02/2024	01/05/2025	£0	Direct
01/11/2024	31/10/2025	£43,881	Tender
01/04/2021	31/03/2026	£2,500,000	Framework
31/07/2023	30/07/2028	£75,000	Framework
31/01/2025	31/01/2025	£274	Direct
01/03/2024	31/03/2027	£391,485	Framework
01/04/2024	31/03/2027	£6,237,161	Framework
01/03/2024	28/02/2025	£57,625	Framework
11/01/2024	11/01/2025	£9,960	Direct Sole Supplier
20/05/2024	11/01/2025	£4,844	Direct Sole Supplier
15/03/2024	15/03/2025	£9,500	Direct
12/03/2024	12/03/2025	\$39.99	Direct
27/11/2024	27/11/2025	£960	Direct
27/08/2023	27/08/2026	£1,938	Direct
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£44,356	Framework
01/05/2024	01/05/2025	£9,750	Direct
02/10/2024	02/10/2025	£7,381	Framework
01/03/2023	28/02/2025	£4,052	Direct
01/01/2024	01/01/2025	£2,495	Direct
01/02/2024	27/02/2025	£600	Direct
31/10/2023	31/10/2025	£480	Direct
04/03/2024	04/03/2025	£600	Direct
10/05/2024	09/05/2025	£7,420	Direct
01/02/2024	03/02/2025	£36,645	Framework
01/09/2024	31/08/2025	\$97,049.91	Direct Sole Supplier
25/08/2024	24/08/2025	£48,075	Framework
01/11/2021	01/11/2024	£20,006	Framework

01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£24,994	Direct Sole Supplier
19/03/2022	18/03/2025	£7,952	Framework
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£9,654	Direct
01/01/2025	31/12/2025	£3,223	Direct
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£2,000	Direct Sole Supplier
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£32,807	Framework
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£8,699	Direct Sole Supplier
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£4,800	Direct
01/11/2024	31/10/2025	£4,240	Framework
01/04/2023	31/03/2026	£228,655	Framework
08/01/2024	08/01/2025	£0	Framework
01/03/2024	28/02/2025	£1,416	Direct
01/12/2023	30/11/2024	£55,599	Framework
01/08/2023	30/11/2023	£4,335	Framework
01/07/2024	30/11/2024	£2,742	Framework
05/03/2024	05/03/2025	\$6750.00	Direct
01/06/2024	31/05/2025	£5,606	Framework
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£88,666	Framework
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£2,080	Direct Sole Supplier
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£18,610	Framework
07/12/2024	06/03/2025	£12,274	Direct Sole Supplier
28/06/2024	27/06/2025	£28,148	Framework
16/04/2024	16/04/2027	£21,685	Framework
01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£27,396	Framework
01/04/2023	31/05/2026	£39,630	Framework
01/12/2023	31/12/2023	£3,200	Direct
09/03/2024	09/03/2025	£2,750	Direct Sole Supplier
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£3,000	Direct
16/12/2023	15/12/2025	£842,705	Framework
01/10/2024	30/09/2025	£3,032	Framework
28/02/2020	28/02/2025	£36,750	Framework
01/11/2023	31/10/2024	£4,736	Direct Sole Supplier
06/11/2024	19/02/2025	£7,186	Framework
01/09/2023	01/09/2026	£6,600	Framework
01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£669	Direct
01/10/2024	30/09/2025	£127,982	Framework
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£13,701	Framework
22/03/2023	22/03/2025	£11,550	Framework
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£25,218	Direct Sole Supplier
07/11/2022	06/11/2023	£5,820	Direct Sole Supplier
09/07/2023	08/07/2024	£4,125	Direct
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£3,850	Direct
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£43,698	Framework
09/10/2024	08/10/2025	£4,142	Framework

01/06/2023	31/05/2026	£12,000	Framework
01/05/2024	30/04/2025	£8,200	Direct Sole Supplier
27/05/2024	28/05/2025	£3,995	Direct
01/10/2024	30/09/2025	£3,168	Direct
01/09/2023	31/12/2023	£12,000	Framework
01/01/2025	31/12/2025	£2,725	Direct
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£39,653	Direct Sole Supplier
01/07/2024	30/06/2025	\$3,979.44	Direct
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£40,932	Framework
01/05/2024	30/04/2025	£5,061	Framework
01/07/2024	30/06/2025	£19,008	Framework
01/09/2024	31/08/2025	£18,000	Framework
01/01/2024	31/12/2024	£87,146	Framework
22/01/2024	31/12/2024	£20,477	Framework
01/02/2022	01/02/2023	£11,890	Framework
01/04/2024	31/03/2027	£118,000	Framework
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£8,040	Direct
01/05/2024	30/04/2025	£6,851	Direct
01/03/2024	28/02/2027	£59,309	Framework
14/11/2024	14/11/2025	\$4500	Direct
01/09/2024	31/08/2025	£2,500	Direct
01/11/2023	30/04/2024	£349	Direct
01/04/2025	31/03/2026	£6,140	Direct Sole Supplier
01/03/2024	28/02/2025	£7,000	Direct
01/01/2024	31/12/2024	£3,795	Direct
01/04/2022	31/03/2025	£5,665	Framework
01/12/2024	30/11/2025	£30,617	Framework
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£6,995	Framework
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£60,464	Framework
19/05/2024	18/05/2025	£790,105	Framework
01/04/2020	31/03/2025	£1,187,866	Framework
01/04/2020	31/03/2025	£22,141	Framework
01/04/2020	31/03/2025	£198,560	Framework
01/04/2020	31/03/2025	£174,000	Framework
01/04/2020	31/03/2025	£794,580	Framework
01/04/2020	31/03/2025	£1,187,160	Framework
01/04/2023	31/03/2026	£2,059,760	Framework
15/06/2018	15/06/2025	£800,000	Framework
01/11/2023	31/10/2025	£8,000.00	Framework
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£16,017	Framework
01/04/2024	31/03/2025	£5,000	Framework