

Amazon Contracts

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response

- As of 1 June 2022, what is the current number of contracts held by your NHS Trust with Amazon[dot]com, Inc. and/or its subsidiaries?
 - **One**
- What is the total value of those contracts in GBP?
 - **£300 including VAT**
- What is the nature of the services provided under these contracts?
 - **Amazon Business Prime, which is a business account to allow the Procurement department to purchase non-standard non-clinical items from the Amazon marketplace.**
- Please provide these contracts.
 - **The contract is commercially confidential, and its release would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.**
 - **In applying the exemption under section 43(2) the Trust has had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosure. The Trust has considered all the relevant factors in the public interest test and has reached the conclusion that the benefit to the public in applying the exemption outweighs the public interest in releasing the information requested, as a result of the prejudices and losses that would potentially affect the Trust and patients. The release could jeopardise the company's future positions, which would cause a detrimental knock on effect on the market place, and would potentially limit the choices available to public authorities, including the Trust. This would potentially threaten the quality of products and services available to the Trust. The Trust considers that it is not in the public interest to do anything to undermine the competitive nature of the procurement process, and the disclosure of the contract the Trust have with Amazon (information, as has been requested), could have that affect. The Trust believes that the consequences of releasing the information are serious and the likelihood of this occurring is high.**

Therefore in conclusion, the Trust has reached the decision that the release of the information requested would be likely to be prejudicial to the commercial interests of the company concerned (Amazon) and the Trust, and that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in releasing the information, and as such the information is being withheld under section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act.