

Title:
Lone Worker Technology

Reference Number: RDF2197-24

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please confirm the following;

1. *How many Lone Worker devices within its Lone Worker solution contract(s) does the Trust have in place?* Answer: 322 Eastern Service and 443 Northern Service.
2. *Please specify contract start and end dates and contract term extension options.* Answer: Various start and end dates – each device is a contracted term depending on when it was requested.
3. *Who is the current provider of Lone Worker solutions to the Trust?* Answer: Peoplesafe.
4. *What is the annual contract value?* Answer: Section 43(2) the Freedom of Information Act:
The Trust holds this information. This information is commercially sensitive, 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 Freedom of Information Act the Trust has balanced 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 concluded 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. As such this information is being withheld under Section 43 (2).

Public Interest Test (PIT) - Non- Disclosure: -

Excluded under Section 43 because releasing the cost of the contracts would give potential suppliers an unfair advantage over other bidders when bidding for future work. That advantage would contravene the principle of fairness required from the Trust in Regulation 18 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The release of contract values would undermine the Trust's suppliers' competitiveness in the market and breach the Trust's contracts with suppliers, which typically require contract values to be kept confidential.

Public Interest Test (PIT) – For Disclosure: -

The Trust understand the need for openness and accountability for tender processes and price, and it recognises the need for value of money.

5. How was the contract procured, i.e., via framework direct award or through a tendering process. Answer: NHS Supply chain framework agreement.