

Pedigree Drawing Software Contract

Reference Number: RDF2249-24

Date of Response: 29/01/24

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

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information for Pedigree Drawing Software.

- 1. Copy of successful tender.*
- 2. Scoring table of all bidders, split by scores awarded for each question of bid.*
- 3. Price/Cost Proposed by each Bidder – we want this information for all the bidders who submitted the response.*
- 4. Name of the Winning Bidder.*
- 5. Name & Rank of all bidders who submitted responses.*
- 6. Approximate date that the tender will be reissued towards the end of the current contract period.*
- 7. Copy of successful tender.*
- 8. Scoring table of all bidders, split by scores awarded for each question of bid.*
- 9. Price/Cost Proposed by each Bidder – we want this information for all the bidders who submitted the response.*
- 10. Name of the Winning Bidder.*
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- 12. Approximate date that the tender will be reissued towards the end of the current contract period.*

Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Trust holds this information. However, the Trust is unable to supply any information requested as the above contract is yet to be awarded.

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 because 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: -

All the information is subject to a section 43 exemption because releasing the details of a procurement competition before that competition has been concluded would undermine the tender contrary to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. A release would also 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.

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.