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# Maternity Information Systems

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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).

For each maternity unit (midwife-led units) as part of your Trust, can you please provide:

Please see Join Trust response below:

1. The **name** of the maternity unit Royal Devon University Healthcare
2. The type of **setting** of the maternity unit [hospital or community]: Both
3. Does the maternity unit use a dedicated MIS or an EHR system with a maternity module or other (if other, please specify the solution used)? Yes.
4. If a MIS solution is used, please answer the following questions relating to the contract:
  - a. Who is the current **MIS provider**? Epic
  - b. When did the **contract start** : Eastern service: Implementation from Nov 2018 – October 2020. Live date 10 October 2020.  
Northern Service:- Go live was 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022.
  - c. What is the **tenure / length** of the contract (in years)? 15 years.
  - d. What is the overall **contract value** (split by installation and maintenance costs).

\*Section 43

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 marketplace 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 key 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 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 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Public Interest Test (PIT) – For Non - Disclosure

The costs of the current service should not be released into the Public Domain because it would give the potential supplier an unfair advantage over other bidders when bidding for future work. That advantage would contravene the principle of fairness required from the Trust by 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.

Please see attached Excel sheet for Trust response to the following questions:

e. Which of the following **functionalities** has the maternity unit adopted?

- eReferrals - Yes
- Procedure booking - Yes
- Personal health record - Yes
- Offline maternity records - Yes
- Care and birth plans - Yes
- Automated Obstetrics VTE scoring – Yes
- Integration with national Perinatal GROW system - Yes
- Anaesthetic activity recording - Yes
- Intrapartum (real-time data entry of labour and delivery information) - Yes
- Neonatal systems - Yes
- Cardio-Toco-Graphy (CTG) - In Progress
- Electronic document transfer - Yes
- Reporting data - Yes

