

Date: **3 August 2020**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5882**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your request below:

Your Request and our Response (in Bold)

1. Is your cleaning managed in-house or outsourced to a private contractor? **Outsourced**

(If in-house, please respond to questions 2-4, if outsourced, please respond to questions 5-7)

2. What PPE do you provide to cleaners?

3. What training do you provide to cleaners on doffing and donning PPE?

4. Do you collect data on PPE's failure to protect cleaners? Is this data broken down by sex and ethnicity of the cleaners? Can you provide this data?

5. To whom is your cleaning outsourced? **OCS**

6. Can you provide a copy of the contract you have with them? ****In respect of cleaning, the Trust is withholding the information requested as it is considered to be contract sensitive data. Please see note below.**

7. Has this contract been amended in any way that affects the provision of PPE or training in the use of PPE for hospital cleaners since February 1, 2020? If so, how? **The Trust has always provided PPE for the use of subcontracted cleaning staff where required.**

****Please note: Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust is unable to provide you with information within the considerations of commercial interests. The Trust is able to withhold information where it believes that disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person, including the public authority (the "Trust") holding it. We have therefore conducted a public interest test on whether the balance of the public interest is outweighed under the consideration of a qualified exemption of Section 43 (Commercial Interests) of the FOIA.**

The Trust is of the view that disclosure of the information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of both the Trust and any third party in circumstances where they are involved in the purchasing of goods and services relating to a wide range of information during the procurement process, which includes information provided in confidence during the tendering process to both successful and unsuccessful tenders, details of a contract with a successful company, future procurement plans, and performance- related information about a contractor.

The Trust believes that disclosure of the requested information could prejudice the competitive market for procuring future services and, therefore, we need to consider our options on re-procurement for assurances that we obtain the most competitive price during the tendering process. The Trust also needs to respect third party commercially sensitive information leading up to the tendering process. We therefore strongly believe that disclosure of the information, at this present time, would likely to prejudice the commercial interests of all parties concerned. This specific area of information you are requesting relates to third parties currently involved in re-tender situations and competitor information cannot therefore be divulged as part of the procurement process. Your request for information is therefore exempt under Section 43(2) (Prejudice to Commercial Interests) of the FOIA.

Please note

The information we have provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date your request was received by the Trust.

We hope the information provided is sufficient and helpful in answering your questions, issues or concerns. Should you have any further queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

Quality & Safety team
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You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

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