

Date: 11 May 2020

Our reference: FOIRQ5777

Dear Sir/Madam.

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

# Your Request and our Response (in bold)

Please see our response to your request for information from Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust):

I want to submit a request for some information from the organisation, in relation to their contract's register.

The contract register should display all the organisations existing/live contracts I would like the register to display the following columns/headings:

- 1. Contract Reference
- 2. Contract Title
- 3. Procurement Category
- 4. Supplier Name
- 5. Spend (Total or Annual)
- 6. Contract Duration
- 7. Contract Extensions
- 8. Contract Starting Date
- 9. Expiration Date
- 10. Contract Description [Please provide me with as much detail as possible.]
- 11. Contact Owner (Full contact details if possible.)
- 12. CPV codes/ProClass

### **IMPORTANT**

- 1. For those organisation planning to make an exemption around spend, the spend information I have requested is an overall figure and I am not requesting a complete breakdown of services relating to the spend.
- 2. If the organisation has a CRM system or a similar system there should be a facility to download and extract contract data.
- 3. You may forward me a Weblink to a portal to download the contract register,



please make sure all of the organisation's contracts are provided as doing prior research I have found that most organisations have only uploaded a small portion of all of their contracts.

Please do not think that this is the only information I require if you could provide me with more information that would be great.

### **Contract Data/API Contact Details**

13. Can you also provide me with contact details of the person responsible for the actual contract's register or someone responsible for API? [Name, Job Title, Telephone, Email Address] At the very least provide me with their actual job title.

(Meaning of API "a set of functions and procedures that allow the creation of applications which access the features or data of an operating system, application, or other service.")

Please provide me with the contract's register file in an excel format

The Trust has estimated the amount of work involved to conduct a full search of local systems and individual records would significantly exceed the 18 hour cost limit stipulated for processing a request for information under Section 12 (Cost Limit) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you have requested is not recorded in the format you have requested. It is held on a multi-tab web based system and consists of 2,388 electronic files. We calculate that is would take a member of staff a minimum of 16 minutes to examine an individual file to locate, identify and extract the information required. This means that to examine all 2,388 files would take 636.8 hours which exceeds the statutory 18 hours by 618.8 hours.

Section 12(1) of the FOIA allows the Trust to refuse a request where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for Section 12 purposes is defined by The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 - SI 2004 No. 3244 ('Fees Regulation').

Under regulation 3 of the Fees Regulation the appropriate cost limit for the Trust is £450. The Fees Regulation also states that all authorities should calculate the time spent on the permitted activities at the flat rate of £25 per person, per hour. This means that the appropriate limit will be exceeded, if it would require more than 18 hours' work for the Trust to carry out the following activities in complying with the request:

determining whether the information is held



- locating the information, or a document containing it
- retrieving the information, or a document containing it and
- extracting the information from a document containing it.

As we have calculated that the time required to respond to your request for information would greatly exceed the statutory 18 hour cost limit, (by 618.8 hours), your request for information is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the provisions of Section 12(1) – Cost Limit of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

#### 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

#### Freedom of Information team

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## **Your Rights**

Should you have any questions relating to the response you have received to your request for information, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team. Alternatively, you are entitled to make a request for an internal review within two months from the date of receiving our final response to your original request. You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

Quality & Safety team Great Ormond Street Hospital LONDON WC1N 3JH

If, however, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review then you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner as the final stage of the FOI process. You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

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