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Joe Bloggs

Dear Joe,

**RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST - REF: D9343**

Please find our Trust's response in relation to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

*Further to original Data Centre request below contracts are expired. Please provide the current status.*

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*Please acknowledge this request as soon as the request has been accepted.*

*This is a request for information that relates to the organisation's contracts around ICT contract(s) for Server Hardware Maintenance, Server Virtualisation Licenses and Maintenance and Storage Area Network (SAN) Maintenance/Support, which may include:*

- Server Hardware Maintenance- contracts relating to the support and maintenance of the organisation's physical servers.*
- Virtualisation Maintenance/Support/ Licensing (VMware, Solaris, Unix, Linux, Windows Server)*
- Storage Area Network Maintenance/Support (EMC, NetApp etc)*

*For each of the type of contract described above, please can you provide me with the following data. If there is more than one contract please split the information for each separate supplier this includes annual spend*

- 1. Contract Title:** *Please provide me with the contract title.*
- 2. Type of Contracts (ABOVE):** *Please can you provide me with one or more contract types the contract relate to: Server Hardware, Virtualisation, SAN (Storage Area Network)*
- 3. Existing/Current Supplier:** *Please provide me with the supplier name for each contract.*
- 4. Brand:** *Please state the brand of hardware or software*

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5. **Operating System / Software (Platform):** (Windows, Linux, Unix, Vsphere, AIX, Solaris etc.) Please state the operating system used by the organisation.

See attached spreadsheet for Q1-5.

6. **Annual Average Spend:** Please provide me with the most recent annual spend for this contract?

The information you have requested is subject to an exemption in accordance with **Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act – commercial interests**, as it is considered commercially sensitive.

We believe that releasing this information would be against the Trust's commercial interests as well as those of the companies involved.

However, as Section 43 is not an absolute exemption I have detailed a public interest test below outlining this decision.

**Reasons in favour of disclosure:**

- GMMH is committed to openness and transparency and releasing this information would be line with that aim.
- There is a public interest in understanding how public money is spent.

**Reasons against disclosure:**

- It is in the public interest for the Trust to be able to contract services effectively.
- To release the specific costs of the contracts would potentially affect future tender negotiations and harm the Trusts' negotiating position by revealing the details of this contract to other potential bidders.
- It would also put the current suppliers at a commercial disadvantage on renewal of the contract.
- Ongoing relations between our suppliers and GMMH could be prejudiced or damaged if prices on contract detail and annual spend were released.

**As such the Public Interest test is against disclosure therefore the information you have requested is exempt under Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Commercial Interests.**

7. **Contract Duration:** (Please can you also include notes if the contract includes any contract Extension periods.)

8. **Contract Expiry Date:** Please can you provide me with the date of when the contract expires.

9. **Contract Review Date:** (An approximate date of when the organisation is planning to review this particular contract.)

See attached spreadsheet for Q7-9.

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10. **Purchase of Servers:** *Could you please provide me with the month and year in which most/bulk of servers were purchased.*

No specific month. Bought as required.

11. **Number of Physical Server:** *Please can you provide me with the number of physical servers.*

93.

12. **Number of Virtual Servers:** *Please can you provide me with the number of Virtual servers' servers.*

162.

13. **Brief Contract Description:** *I require a brief description of the service provided under this contract. Please do not just put maintenance I need at least a sentence.*

See attached spreadsheet.

14. **Contract Owner:** *(The person from within the organisation that is responsible for reviewing and renewing this particular contract. Please include their full name, job title, direct contact number and direct email address.)*

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I hope the information provided above is to your satisfaction. If you are unhappy with the way, the Trust has handled your request you may request an internal review.

If you require an internal review please write to Sarah McDonald, Head of IM&T Service Delivery, at the address above, who will arrange a review of your case.

If you are not happy with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

The FOI Team  
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Greater Manchester MH NHS Foundation Trust

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For any named personnel provided in this Freedom of Information response, they do not wish to receive direct marketing, to do so would contravene GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.

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