Freedom of Information Request

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*Note to Applicant: As of 1 April 2017, North Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (NEP) and South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT) merged to form one new organisation known as Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT).

Information Requested:

1. I want to submit a request for some information from the Trust in relation to their contract’s register. The contract register should display all the Trust existing/live contracts this includes medical and non-medical. I would like the register to display the following columns:

   a. Contract Reference – *in contracts database attached*
   b. Contract Title – *in contracts database attached*
   c. Supplier Name – *in contracts database attached*
   d. Spend (Total or Annual) – *not provided as the value of the contracts is deemed commercially sensitive under S.43(2) of the FOI Act 2000. All of the contracts listed within the register are tendered for and will be tendered for renewal. Therefore the value of the contracts are exempt under S.43(2) as they are deemed likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust if they were released to the wider public. See below for the details of the exemption used.*
   e. Contract Duration – *in contracts database attached*
   f. Contract Extensions – *not provided, as this information is not held separately within the contracts database*
   g. Contract Dates – *in contracts database attached*
   h. Contract Description – *in contracts database attached*
   i. Contact Owner (Full contact details if possible.) – *in contracts database attached*
   j. CPV codes/ProClass – *not provided, as this information is not held within the contracts database*
   k. Framework or Tender Reference – *not provided, as this information is not held within the contracts database*

The Trust believes that this information is of commercial interest and may prejudice either the supplier or the Trust. The Trust is therefore applying Section 43 of the Act (Commercial Interests):

Section 43: Commercial interests

(1) Information is exempt information if it constitutes a trade secret.

(2) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to; prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

(3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice the interests mentioned in subsection (2).
You may forward me a Weblink to a portal to download the contract register but please make sure all of the Trust’s contract are provided as doing prior research I have found that most Trusts have only uploaded a small portion of all of their contracts.

2. **Contract Data/API Contact Details**
   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).
   
   **Contact details are:**
   Contracts Team
   Telephone: 01375 364505

   *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.