

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

I am writing to request information related to the contracts for translating and interpreting under the above mentioned Act. I would like your trust to provide me with the following information:

1. The length of the contract with the translating company you use
Two years plus the option to extend for a two further years with the South Essex provider. The providers in North Essex are renewed via purchase order on a yearly basis.
2. The cost to the NHS per year for your trust for translating and interpreting
The Trust can confirm that the costs for translation services is within the band of £150,000 - £175,000. The Trust believes that the exact figure 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)*
3. The date the contract ends with the current company
The South Essex – 30th June 2019
4. The dates the contract will go out for tender
The contract has recently gone out to tender and is currently in the ten day standstill period, with new contract due to begin 1st July.
5. The number of patients that used translating and interpreting in your trust area
The Trust at the moment does not have access to patient number information with its current contractors and is therefore unable to provide a response to this question.

*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).