

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Please find attached my Freedom of Information request survey with my questions for your organisation.

Section A

Framework Portals: Overview

1. Which departments within your organisation currently have access to a framework portal?

The trust does not use any specific framework portal. When looking for available frameworks we would check the following authorities websites; Crown Commercial Services (CCS), East of England NHS Collaborative Procurement Hub (EOECPH), London Procurement Partnership (LPP), North of England Commercial Procurement Collaborative (NOECPC), NHS Shared Business Services (SBS), Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO), Heath Trust Europe (HTE), and NHS Commercial Solutions. If we could not find a suitable framework we would widen our search.

2. Approximately how many of your staff are able to access a framework portal of some kind?

As these are all free to access websites all staff would be able to view these.

3. Are there any goods/services that do not currently make use of a procurement framework portal, but would benefit from one? (Please name)

We do not use a framework portal but the range of authorities that we check cover most significant areas of expenditure we have.

4. Can you please provide an estimation of the length of time your employees spend on framework portals? (If applicable)

As stated we do not use a framework portal.

5. Please tick all that apply

- Our staff find the current portals easy to use
- Our staff think the portals provide good and sufficient pre-purchase information
- Our staff believe that searching on portals is time consuming
- Our staff think that the current portals are easy to access

[We do not use a framework portal](#)

Section B

Framework Portals: Artificial Intelligence

1. Has your organisation trialled or are they in the process of developing any goods or services using A.I. (Artificial Intelligence)?

- Yes
- No

2. If you answered 'Yes' to question 1, are you looking to procure the good or service you have trialled through a procurement framework?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure

3. If you answered 'Yes' to question 2, please provide the names of any A.I. suppliers or products that you are considering using for your organisation?



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