Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

1. Pressure Area Prevention
   a. Do you currently have a contract in place for pressure area care mattresses?
      The Trust currently has a contract in place for pressure area care mattresses
   b. If so, is this a rental or capital arrangement?
      The Trust has a mixture of rental and purchased mattresses
   c. Do you have a separate mattress decontamination contract?
      No the contract includes decontamination
   d. What is the annual current spend on these contracts?
      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)
   e. When do the contracts end?
      28/01/2022
   f. Who are your current suppliers?
      Direct Healthcare Group

2. Medical Beds
   a. Do you currently have a contract in place for medical beds?
      No
   b. If so, is this a rental or capital arrangement?
      N/A
   c. What is the annual current spend on these contracts?
      N/A
   d. When do the contracts end?
      N/A
   e. Who are your current suppliers?
      N/A
3. Patient Handling
   a. Who have the Trust purchased patient handling equipment from in the past 5 years?
      The Trust is unable to provide this information as patient handling equipment costing it part of a larger budget. To segregate this information from the larger budget would exceed the time and cost limits, as set out in the Act. The Trust is therefore applying Section 12 of the Act (where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit)
   b. Who is your current supplier?
      Please see response to Question 3a
   c. Do you have a service contract with a supplier - if so, who?
      Please see response to Question 3a
   d. What is the annual current spend on this?
      Please see response to Question 3a
   e. When does the contract end?
      Please see response to Question 3a
4. Patient Handling Equipment Slings
   a. Who do the Trust purchase patient handling equipment slings from?
      Please see response to Question 3a
   b. Are the slings patient specific or reusable?
      Please see response to Question 3a
   c. What is the annual current spend on this?
      Please see response to Question 3a
5. DVT Prevention
   a. Who do you use for VTE prevention:
      i. Anti-embolism stockings
         N/A (stockings are used but they are not anti-embolism)
      ii. Intermittent Pneumatic Compression
         N/A (compression bandaging uses but they are not intermittent pneumatic compression)
   b. Is there an active contract in place?
      N/A
   c. If so, who is the supplier?
      N/A
d. What is the annual current spend on this?
N/A

e. When does the contract end?
N/A

6. Bariatric Patient Provision

a. Do you currently have a contract in place for the provision of:
   i. Bariatric beds and associated equipment
      Yes (please see response to Question 1)
   ii. ITU beds
      N/A
   iii. Standard ward beds
      N/A
   iv. Patient transfer trolleys
      N/A
   v. Patient hoists/transfer aids
      N/A

b. If so, is this a rental or capital arrangement?
   N/A

c. Who is your current supplier?
   N/A

d. What is the annual current spend on this?
   N/A as no contract

e. When does the contract end?
   N/A

7. Servicing of Products

a. Do you currently have a contract in place for the servicing of:
   i. Pressure area care mattresses
      Please see response to Question 1
   ii. Bariatric beds/products
      Please see response to Question 1
   iii. ITU beds
      N/A
iv. Standard ward beds
   Yes – please see below

v. Patient transfer trolleys
   Yes – please see below

vi. Patient hoists/transfer aids
   Yes – please see below

vii. Specialised baths
   Yes – please see below

viii. Bedpan Washers and Sluice Machines
   Yes – please see below

b. Who are your current suppliers?
   Althea UK and Ireland
   Arjo UK Ltd

c. What is the annual current spend on this?
   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)

d. When does the contract end?
   Althea UK and Ireland 31st December 2023
   Arjo UK Ltd 31st March 2021

Applied Exemptions:

Section 12 (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit):

(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

(2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.

(3) In subsections (1) and (2) “the appropriate limit” means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.

(4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—

(a) by one person, or

(b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign, the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them
(5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated

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)

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