

Freedom of Information Request

Reference Number: [EPUT.FOI.21.2154](#)
Date Received: [31 August 2021](#)

Information Requested:

1. All communications relating either to a potential new West Essex hospital discharge and admission avoidance service or specifically to the Rapid-Response Bridging and Hospital Avoidance Support Service – West Essex service. Communications should include electronic messages including emails, meeting agendas, minutes of meetings, notes from meetings, papers, proposals, records of discussions, records of phone calls and letters. The time period is from 1st January 2021 to 23rd June 2021.
[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 \(Commercial Interests\)](#)
2. All communications relating specifically to the Rapid-Response Bridging and Hospital Avoidance Support Service – West Essex tender or more generally to future discharge, hospital avoidance or bridging services in West Essex from 24th June 2021 to 25th July 2021.
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3. The names of any third party individual or organisation contracted by the Trust to co-ordinate its response to the tender, or to prepare all or part of the response.
[None. The response to the tender was prepared by the Trust](#)
4. The start date of the Rapid-Response Bridging and Hospital Avoidance Support Service – West Essex service.
[16th August 2021](#)
5. The job title, grade, FTE equivalent relating to the service, start date on the service and length of service of each employee who worked on the Rapid-Response Bridging and Hospital Avoidance Support Service – West Essex service from contract start date until 29 August 2021.
[Commenced Care support Assistants – Band 3](#)
 - [1: Commenced 16th August – 29th August -42.5hrs per week = 1.13WTE](#)
 - [2 Commenced 16th August – 29th August - 60hrs per week = 1.6WTE](#)
 - [3: Commenced 23rd August –29th August - 41hrs - 1.09 WTE](#)
 - [4 Commenced 17th August – 29th August - 30hrs per week = 0.8WTE](#)
 - [5: Commenced 6th August - 29th August - 55.5hrs per week = 1.46WTE](#)
 - [6: Commenced 16th August -17th August – 10.5hrs = 0.28 WTE](#)
 - [7: Commenced 26th August – 29th August - 45hrs = 1.2WTE](#)

8: Healthcare Assistant Band 3 – Commenced 16th August – 29th August - 42hrs per week = 1.12WTE

6. An analysis by day from the service start date until 29 August 2021 of:

a. The number of referrals received

| 16/08/ 2021 | 17/0 8/20 | 18/0 8/20 | 19/0 8/20 | 20/0 8/20 | 21/0 8/20 | 22/0 8/20 | 23/0 8/20 | 24/0 8/20 | 25/0 8/20 | 26/0 8/20 | 27/0 8/20 | 28/0 8/20 | 29/0 8/20 |
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b. The number of these referrals that were supported by the service.

Please see above

c. The number of individuals supported on each day.

Please see above

d. The date on which the service is scheduled to reach full capacity and all communications with Essex County Council relating to service capacity.

11th October 2021

Exemptions Applied:

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)

Section 40 (Personal information):

- (1) Any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject.
- (2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—
 - (a) it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1), and
 - (b) either the first or the second condition below is satisfied.
- (3) The first condition is—
 - (a) in a case where the information falls within any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of “data” in section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene—
 - (i) any of the data protection principles, or

- (ii) section 10 of that Act (right to prevent processing likely to cause damage or distress), and
- (b) in any other case, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene any of the data protection principles if the exemptions in section 33A(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (which relate to manual data held by public authorities) were disregarded.
- (4) The second condition is that by virtue of any provision of Part IV of the Data Protection Act 2018 the information is exempt from section 7(1)(c) of that Act (data subject's right of access to personal data).
- (5) The duty to confirm or deny—
 - (a) does not arise in relation to information which is (or if it were held by the public authority would be) exempt information by virtue of subsection (1), and
 - (b) does not arise in relation to other information if or to the extent that either—
 - (i) the giving to a member of the public of the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) contravene any of the data protection principles or section 10 of the Data Protection Act 2018 or would do so if the exemptions in section 33A(1) of that Act were disregarded, or
 - (ii) by virtue of any provision of Part IV of the Data Protection Act 2018 the information is exempt from section 7(1)(a) of that Act (data subject's right to be informed whether personal data being processed).
- (6) In determining for the purposes of this section whether anything done before 24th October 2007 would contravene any of the data protection principles, the exemptions in Part III of Schedule 8 to the Data Protection Act 2018 shall be disregarded.
- (7) In this section— “the data protection principles” means the principles set out in Part I of Schedule 1 to the Data Protection Act 2018, as read subject to Part II of that Schedule and section 27(1) of that Act;
 - “data subject” has the same meaning as in section 1(1) of that Act;
 - “personal data” has the same meaning as in section 1(1) of that Act.

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