

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Regarding the use of MFDs (Multifunctional Devices) and/or Managed Print Services, please can you provide the following?

1. The name of the current supplier

The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the <https://eput.nhs.uk/media/bgilwfvb/eput-foi-23-2966.pdf> website and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means):

2. The brand of the equipment provided by the current supplier

[See response to question 1](#)

3. The name of any print management software used (For example, uniFLOW, Equitrac, PaperCut.....)

[See response to question 1](#)

4. Was there a competitive process or was a "Direct Award" made?

[See response to question 1](#)

5. Please state the internal "contract ID reference" for this contract

[See response to question 1](#)

6. The preferred route to market for managed print services. For example, framework, OJEU....

[See response to question 1](#)

7. If route to market is a framework, please state which. For example, CCS, HTE, LPP, etc...

[See response to question 1](#)

8. When is the estimated timeframe that the next tender competition will commence?

[See response to question 1](#)

9. The start date for the existing contract arrangements (if available)

[See response to question 1](#)

10. The end date for the existing contract

[See response to question 1](#)

11. Also, please confirm any extension options on the contract

[See response to question 1](#)

12. Also, please confirm if all/any extension options are to be taken

[See response to question 1](#)

13. The number of MFDs (Multifunctional Devices) in (each) contract

[See response to question 1](#)

14. Please state the number of “unmanaged” desktop printers (excluding label printers)

[See response to question 1](#)

15. What brand(s) are these?

[See response to question 1](#)

16. Please state the number of “label” printers (example brand “ZEBRA”)

[See response to question 1](#)

17. If you have label printers, are these managed or unmanaged?

[See response to question 1](#)

18. If these are managed, until what date please?

[See response to question 1](#)

19. Will the procurement exercise be conducted by a Procurement Hub, and if so, which one?

[We are members of the East of England Collaborative Procurement Hub \(EOECPH\) so if we were to utilise a procurement hub it would be EOECPH. However it’s likely that we would conduct the procurement locally.](#)

20. Can you confirm if there are any plans to conduct a collaborative tender exercise with other Trusts?

[There are no plans to collaborate with another trust. When the requirement is tendered we would re-consider this position](#)

21. If so, which Trusts may be involved?

[As above there are no plans to collaborate at present. If we were to do so it’s likely that we would work with the other partners/Trusts within the Mid & South Essex Integrated Care Board \(MSEICB\).](#)

Section 21: Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

Publication Scheme:

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