

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Seeking details related to the fire damper maintenance regime within the sites covered under the Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust trust, specifically pertaining to the current contractor, number of dampers, annual cost, responsible person for the contract, and the contract renewal date for each site within the trust.

Kindly provide the following information:

1. Details of the Current Fire Damper Maintenance Regime:
[Essex Partnership University Trust maintain and test their dampers regularly in accordance with HTM 05-03 and other mandatory requirements.](#)
2. Frequency of inspections and maintenance activities conducted on fire dampers within Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust premises.
[Annually](#)
2. Current Contractor Information:
The name of the contractor responsible for fire damper maintenance within Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust.
[Nijhuis Industries UK & Ireland; and](#)
[Deba \(UK\) Ltd](#)

Contact details of the contractor, including address, phone number, and email.
[The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the https://www.nijhuisindustries.com/uk/contact website and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act \(Information accessible to applicant by other means\):](https://www.nijhuisindustries.com/uk/contact)
3. Number of Dampers:
The total number of fire dampers present across each of the Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust facilities.
[813 Fire Dampers](#)
4. Annual Cost:
The annual costs associated with the fire damper maintenance contract.
[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 \(Commercial Interests\):](#)
5. Responsible Person for the Contract:
The name and contact information (including email and phone number) of the individual responsible for overseeing the fire damper maintenance contract across

the trust.

Associate Director of Estates and Facilities

6. Contract Renewal Date:

The date on which the current fire damper maintenance contract is due for renewal.

1st of April 2024

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 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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