

19<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Cleaning & Security Outsourcing.

Can you please provide the following information?

1. Copy of the winning bid for manned security services running currently
2. Evaluation notes of the same manned security services tender method statements
3. Copy of the winning bid for contract cleaning services running currently
4. Evaluation notes of the same contract cleaning services tender method statements

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the winning bid for the Trusts cleaning and security contract.

Section 43 of the Freedom of Information act exempts information which, if disclosed, would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. It protects not only the commercial interests of third parties but also the commercial interests of the Trust. It is intended to protect the ability of a public authority like the Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust to obtain goods or services on the best possible commercial terms and to protect the legitimate commercial interests of its suppliers. The information you seek falls into this category.

There is a public interest in the disclosure of commercial information to ensure transparency in the accountability of public funds and to show that public money is being used effectively. Releasing details of the commercially sensitive information would, or would be likely, to prejudice the current supplier and any future suppliers' commercial interests. It would reveal to their competitors commercially sensitive financial aspects of the contract. This in turn would prejudice the ability of the Trust to secure best value for the taxpayer when the contract is re-tendered which is also not in the public interest.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at [foi@homerton.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@homerton.nhs.uk) , in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk) to take them further.

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Yours sincerely,

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