

FOI REF: 22/568

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Please can you send me the organisation's Local Area Network (LAN) contract, which may include the following:

- **Support and Maintenance- e.g. switches, router, software etc**
- **Managed- If this includes services than just LAN.**

The information you have requested is exempt under section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information would originally have been provided in confidence. Information is exempt information if –

- (a) it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and,
- (b) the disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) by the public authority holding it would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, it is also applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice commercial interests of third parties. This is because release of the information could be detrimental to their competitive position in the market.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

We have concluded that by providing a copy of the contract would cause harm to the Trust as this would distort the market-place and therefore, result in the Trust not obtaining best value for money.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

1. Contract Type: Managed or Maintenance

Maintenance.

2. Existing Supplier: Who is the current supplier?

NTT.

3. Annual Spend for each supplier: What is the annual average spending on the supplier above? If there is more than one supplier, please split the annual averages spent for each supplier.

Approximately 100k.

4. Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.

Not applicable. Any member of East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust that is using a device is a user; the Trust has 8,075 substantive staff.

5. Number of Sites: The number of sites, where equipment is supported by each contract.

26.

6. Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?

Alcatel Lucent Arouber.

7. Contract Description: Please provide me with a brief description of the overall contract.

Hardware break-fix.

8. Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract is and can you please also include any extensions this may include.

12 months.

9. Contract Expiry Date: When does the contract expire?

February 2023 (with 24-month extension options available beyond this date).

10. Contract Review Date: When will the organisation be planning to review the contract?

We do not hold this information at this time as this will be decided at a later date.

11. **Responsible Officer: Contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?**

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If the LAN maintenance is included in-house please include the following information:

1. **Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?**

Outsourced.

2. **Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.**

Not applicable.

3. **Number of Sites: Estimated/Actual number of sites the LAN covers.**

Not applicable.

4. **Responsible Officer: Who within the organisation is responsible for LAN please provide me with contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?**

Not applicable.

If the contract is managed by a 3rd party e.g. Can you please provide me with

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NTT.

2. **Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.**

Not applicable. Any member of East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust that is using a device is a user; the Trust has 8,075 substantive staff.

3. **Number of Sites: Estimated/Actual number of sites the LAN covers.**

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4. **Contract Type: Managed, Maintenance, Installation, Software**

Maintenance.

5. Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?

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10. Responsible Officer: Who within the organisation is responsible for each of these contract(s) please provide me with contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?

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If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely

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