

FOI REF: 24/069

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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:

- 1) **Are there remote monitoring solutions for virtual wards/digital tools in areas such as remote patient pathways across East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust?**

Yes, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) use remote monitoring across the ESHT Virtual Ward programme.

- 2) **Who is/are the contracted remote monitoring services provider(s)?**

Current Health.

- 3) **Does the contract(s) cover only licenses or telehealth equipment/kit, logistics services, etc? If so, which ones are included?**

Licenses, equipment/kit.

- 4) **What is a contract(s) Value (£)?**

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice its commercial interests.

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 sharing commercials could disadvantage the incumbent supplier against their competitors. The information could provide competitors with the suppliers pricing, which could result in these suppliers obtaining a competitive advantage which could 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.

5) What is the contract(s) Start Date?

April 2023.

6) What is the contract(s) Length (in months, years, please specify the term)?

12 months.

7) Who is the contracting authority?

ESHT.

8) Procurement type (e.g., direct award via CCS framework, call-off from a dynamic purchasing system, open procedure, etc.)?

CCS G-Cloud 12 Framework.

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:

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Yours sincerely

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