

FOI REF: 24/020

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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) How many Lone Worker devices within its Lone Worker solution contract(s) does the Trust have in place?**

East Sussex Healthcare has 700 devices and 300 apps.

- 2) Please specify contract start and end dates and contract term extension options.**

5th February 2021 to 27th July 2024.

- 3) Who is the current provider of Lone Worker solutions to the Trust?**

Skyguard Limited trading as PeopleSafe.

- 4) What is the annual contract 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 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 sharing commercials could disadvantage the incumbent supplier against their competitors. The information would provide competitors with the suppliers pricing, which could result in these suppliers obtaining a competitive advantage. This could distort the marketplace and 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) How was the contract procured, i.e., via framework direct award or through a tendering process?

This was awarded through the NHS 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:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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