

FOI REF: 24/761

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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. Main Contact Person for Clinical Waste and Washroom Services at the Trust.

Angela Alletson.

2. The annual spend on Clinical Waste & Washroom Services.

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 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.

3. Who is the current incumbent for Clinical Waste & Washroom Services

SRCL Ltd.

4. When was the Tender last released for Clinical Waste services & Washroom Services.

24th August 2018.

5. When is the Tender due for renewal for both Clinical & Washroom Services.

31st October 2025.

6. Are the Tenders to be made public and when is these to be released.

No, we will be using a framework to conduct a competition.

7. Would you be using a public tendering portal to release the tenders.

Yes, Atamis.

8. Is the previous specification available for the tenders that were released last time, as these was in the public domain previously.

Yes.

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

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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 Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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