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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

**I would like to request the following information in relation to your Counter Fraud contracts:**

**1. Who is your current counter fraud provider?**

[RSM UK Risk Assurance Services LLP.](#)

**2. When did the counter fraud contract commence?**

[11<sup>th</sup> April 2023.](#)

**3. When does/did the initial period of the contract end?**

[10<sup>th</sup> April 2027.](#)

**4. Is there an extension period for the contract and if so, when does this end?**

[There is no extension period for this contract.](#)

**5. Please provide a copy of the counter fraud contract (redacted if required)?**

[Section 17 Notice of Refusal](#)

[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.

However, please find attached a copy of 'Call Off Terms and Conditions' for your information. Framework terms are available via the web address below:

<https://www.sbs.nhs.uk/services/framework-agreements/legal-services-for-health/>

**6. What is the annual fee for the counter fraud contract exclusive of VAT?**

£41,788.

**6.1 How much have you been invoiced for the 2025-26 financial year exclusive of VAT?**

£73,082.30.

**7. What is the day rate for the counter fraud contract exclusive of VAT?**

Section 43(2) applied, please see question 5 above.

**8. When will the contract be issued into open public procurement?**

6 months prior to end date.

**9. Please provide a copy of the contractual KPIs in place for the contract?**

Section 43(2) applied, please see question 5 above.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at [esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net) quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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