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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:

- 1) **Does the trust currently have a formal contract in place for fire extinguisher provision across:**
- a) **Its corporate estate (e.g. clinical, wards, theatres, administration, satellite spaces, out patient clinics, catering)?**
 - b) **Any housing stock, staff accommodation, etc?**

No.

- 2) **Does the Trust currently have a formal contract in place for fire extinguisher servicing across:**
- a) **Its corporate estate (e.g. clinical, wards, theatres, administration, satellite spaces, out patient clinics, catering)?**
 - b) **Any housing stock, staff accommodation, etc?**

Yes, the contract covers both of the above.

- 3) **If a contract is in place:**
- a) **What is the name of the supplier or suppliers appointed to deliver each service/product?**
 - b) **What is the scope of the contract? (e.g. number of units, types of product, class of product)**

Chubb Fire and Security.

1,977 fire extinguishers (Water, Foam and CO2) and 530 fire blankets.

No details of Class of Product held, as class normally refers to the fuel source of a fire.

- c) **What is the contract duration, including start and end dates and any extension options?**

1st April 2026 to 31st March 2029; there are no extension options.

- d) **What is the pricing structure — including the current rate per door inspection?**

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.

- e) **Was this contract awarded via a framework or dynamic purchasing system? If so, which one?**

No.

- 4) **If no contract is in place:**

Are there any plans to tender for provision or servicing within the next 12 Months, 24 months, 36 months?

Not applicable.

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 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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