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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/01/06.

You requested the following information:

In regards to the PQQ question 'Is your organisation CQC registered?'

1. What was the range of scores available for this?

0 - 4

2. What criteria had to be met to get each score?

Yes = 4, No = 0

3. Was there a minimum score to be considered appropriate to continue through the tendering process?

No minimum score. Failure/ shortcomings (examples being; non-payment of tax, financial instability, lack of technical ability) in the PQQ responses could prevent a bidder from progressing to the Invitation to Tender stage.

4. Did all PAPs that are on (or have ever been on) the contract meet the minimum score at the time of the contract being awarded in June 2014? If not please explain why they were allowed to be added to the contract without meeting the minimum score.

Yes.

We would like to clarify that a framework was awarded in June 2014, not a contract. A framework is an approved list of suppliers where there is no quantity/ value commitment. Contracts based on committed quantity/value can subsequently be awarded to suppliers on the framework at a later date.

5. Can you just clarify that at the time of June 2014 all PAPs that were awarded the contract had provided evidence to SECamb that they held full CQC registration for the type of work they tendered to undertake?

Yes. I can confirm that as of June 2014 all PAPs that were included in the framework had provided evidence to SECamb that they held full CQC registration for the type of work they tendered to undertake.

I hope you find this information helpful.

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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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