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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/1701/11.

You requested the following information:

I would like to request access to the ITT specification for your recently published procurement for a Computer Aided Dispatch system. I would also like access to the OJEU advert and where it was advertised. For clarity I am not interested in seeing any supplier's tenders. I would simply like to see the specification you used so we can understand better your requirements.

The Trust considers the ITT Specification to be intellectual property and so can be withheld under the exemption contained within s43(2) of the FOI Act (Commercial interests). There is a need to withhold information that would prejudice the commercial interest of the Trust and/ or third parties. In assessing the public interest, the Trust takes the view that this would be the case in this instance. The Trust considers that this information, in conjunction with other information that might already or will be in the public domain, could lead to the commercial interests of the Trust together with the companies we use being adversely affected.

The tender was advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) which is a web based system already in the public domain. There are a number of different portals which can be used such as Tenders Electronic Daily to view the advert.

I hope you find this information useful.

However, if for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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