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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/02/41.

You requested the following information:

Where any/all of the procurement functions are outsourced to another party/parties (e.g. a private company or a distinct NHS body) please disclose the structure of this relationship.

1. Does the Trust have/have use of an eProcurement system(s)?

Yes.

If so, please name the provider(s).

Bravo Solutions
SBS

2. What is the length (in years) of the contract(s) in place with such provider(s)?

We have a rolling annual renewal for both providers.

3. What is the end/renewal date (dd/mm/yyyy) of the contract(s)?

April 2018 for both providers.

4. What Finance/E.R.P (enterprise resource planning) system does the Trust use?

We do not use this system.

5. How many members of staff work in the procurement/purchasing department(s) at the Trust?

6

6. How many members of staff across the Trust have permission/access to raise requisitions and purchase orders through the eProcurement system(s) in place? (estimate)

250

The following section of this FOI request concerns the capability of any/all eProcurement systems being used by the Trust.

1. Does the system(s) in place cover the sourcing (auctioning/tendering) of goods/services used by the Trust?

Yes

2. Does the system(s) in place cover the management of contracts with chosen suppliers?

Yes

3. Does the system(s) in place cover the enablement of electronic catalogues to allow buyers within the Trust to purchase goods/services sourced by the Trust?

Yes

4. Does the system(s) in place cover the payment to suppliers for goods/services sourced by the Trust? This includes the management of electronic Purchase Orders, Goods Receipts and Invoices.

Yes

5. Does the system(s) in place cover the management of supplier relationships and performance?

No

6. Does the system(s) in place have the capability to analyse current and/or historical procurement spend by the Trust?

Yes

7. Does the system(s) in place have the capability to report and demonstrate data relating to procurement spend by the Trust?

Yes

8. Does the system(s) in place have the capability to integrate with the Finance/E.R.P (enterprise resource planning) system?

We do not use this system

9. Are updates (free or paid) offered for the incumbent system(s), either on a regular or irregular basis?

Yes

10. Are there any formalised projects or initiatives currently underway to review/upgrade current procurement practices within the Trust? If yes, please provide details.

No

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

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