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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/03/27.

You requested the following information:

**I am researching the NHS use of rostering and rota management software. For each supplier used at the organisation, please provide the following information:**

**1. Name of Software**

GRS

**2. Description of its uses (including the staffing groups or departments it is used for)**

Rostering front line staff.

**3. Who signed the contract (job title)**

Director of Finance

**4. What is the maximum sign off value of this person's position?**

<£M

**5. What was the value of the contract?**

I have to advise that I am unable to provide any further information on the basis of the exemption contained within s43 (2) of the FOI Act (Commercial Interests). The Trust accepts that there is a public interest in how public money is spent; however, there is also

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.

**6. What is the contract term?**

Annual

**7. When was it signed?**

April 2016

**8. What is the notice period?**

6 months

**9. Was it bought through a framework? If so, please state which one**

Nationally procured NHS system which is used by many other NHS organisations, our contract gives SECamb access/ licence to use the system.

I hope you find this information useful.

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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