

Freedom of Information Request – 3495

I am conducting a research project into how public sector organisations procure cyber security services and enterprise software platforms. As part of this, I would be grateful if you could provide the most recent contract information you hold for the following areas:

1. Standard Firewall (Network)

Firewall services that protect the organisation's network from unauthorised access and other internet security threats.

This would be exempt under section 31 (1) (a) of FOI Act.

2. Anti-virus Software Application

Programs designed to prevent, detect, and remove viruses, malware, trojans, adware, and related threats.

1. Who is the existing supplier for this contract? *Sophos/Microsoft*
2. What is the annual spend for each contract? *Microsoft spend is in the ESA (Enterprise Subscription Agreement), Sophos - £96,000*
3. What is the description of the services provided? *Anti-Virus/Malware protection*
4. Primary brand (where applicable) – *Sophos*
5. What is the start date of the contract? *March 2021*
6. What is the expiry date of the contract? *March 2026*
7. What is the total duration of the contract? *5 years*
8. Who is the responsible contract officer? • Please include at least their job title, and where possible, name, contact number, and direct email address – *Karl Swan, karl.swan@jpaget.nhs.uk*
9. How many licences or users are included (where applicable)? *Up to 4,000 licenses*

3. Microsoft Enterprise Agreement

A volume licensing agreement that may include:

- Microsoft 365 (Office, Exchange, SharePoint, Teams)
 - Windows Enterprise
 - Enterprise Mobility + Security (EMS)
 - Azure services (committed or pay-as-you-go)
1. Who is the existing supplier for this contract? *Microsoft*
 2. What is the annual spend for each contract? *£976,818.31*
 3. What is the description of the services provided? *Enterprise subscription agreement*
 4. Primary brand (where applicable) *Microsoft*
 5. What is the start date of the contract? *5th May 2023*
 6. What is the expiry date of the contract? *4th May 2026*
 7. What is the total duration of the contract? *3 years*
 8. Who is the responsible contract officer? *Tim Rose Head of Digital Services tim.rose@jpaget.nhs.uk*
 - Please include at least their job title, and where possible, name, contact number, and direct email address
 9. How many licences or users are included (where applicable)?
 - a. *5197 user licences*

- b. 3000
- c. 5197
- d. Pay as you go

4. Microsoft Power BI

Or any alternative business intelligence platform used for data connectivity, dashboards, and reporting. Microsoft Power BI pro 31 licences

For each of the above areas, I kindly request the following:

- 1. Who is the existing supplier for this contract?**
 - 2. What is the annual spend for each contract?**
 - 3. What is the description of the services provided?**
 - 4. Primary brand (where applicable)**
 - 5. What is the start date of the contract?**
 - 6. What is the expiry date of the contract?**
 - 7. What is the total duration of the contract?**
 - 8. Who is the responsible contract officer?**
 - **Please include at least their job title, and where possible, name, contact number, and direct email address**
 - 9. How many licences or users are included (where applicable)?**
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Important Notes

- **I do not request any technical specifications such as device models, serial numbers, IP ranges, or site-level infrastructure details that may pose a security or operational risk.**
- **If full disclosure of named personnel is not possible under Section 40 of the FOI Act, I would still appreciate disclosure of job titles and generic contact information, such as a team inbox or switchboard extension.**
- **If any commercial sensitivities under Section 43 apply, I respectfully request a clear explanation of the specific harm expected from disclosing aggregated annual spend or supplier names, especially where the contract has already been awarded.**
- **This request is made in line with the principles of the Procurement Act 2023, which reinforces the importance of transparency and public access to contract information, particularly around supplier identity, contract value, and duration.**

Section 31(1)(a)

Sections 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act. The full wording of section 31 can be found here: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/31>

Factors in favour of Releasing Information Regarding Cyber Security

The Trust recognises that answering the request would promote openness and transparency with regards to the Trust's ICT systems.

Factors in favour of maintaining the exemption

Cyber-attacks, which may amount to criminal offences for example under the Computer Misuse Act 1990 or the Data Protection Act 2018, are rated as a Tier 1 threat by the UK Government. The Trust, like any organisation, may be subject to cyber-attacks and since it holds large amounts of sensitive, personal and confidential information, maintaining the security of this information is extremely important.

Balancing the Public Interest Factors

The Trust has considered that if it were to release the information it would enable potential cyber attackers to ascertain how and to what extent the Trust is able to detect and deal with

ICT security attacks. The information would assist those who want to attack the Trusts ICT systems.

Disclosure of the information would assist a hacker in gaining valuable information as to the nature of the Trusts ICT systems, defences and possible vulnerabilities.