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Children's Hospital Construction Contract

I am making the following request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I seek recorded information relating to the governance and execution of the construction contract for the Belfast Children's Hospital. Please provide the following:

- 1. The Scheme of Delegation and Standing Financial Instructions that were in force on the date the construction contract was executed.**

The Standing Orders and Financial Instructions were updated in November 2024 and were therefore in place at the time of the Contract Execution.

These are published on the Belfast Trust website – see link below:

[Standing Orders | Belfast Health & Social Care Trust website](#)

- 2. The document(s) identifying the officers authorised to execute the construction contract on behalf of Belfast Health and Social Care Trust.**

The Scheme of Delegation was revised in June 2024 and outlines this – please see 37747 – Children's Hospital Construction Contract - Attachment 1.

- 3. The written delegation of authority, or equivalent document, held by each officer who executed the contract on behalf of the Trust.**

This is covered in the attached Scheme of Delegation - please see 37747 – Children's Hospital Construction Contract - Attachment 1.

- 4. A copy of the contract execution (signature) page showing the contracting parties and the capacity in which each party signed the agreement. Personal signatures and personal data may be redacted, where appropriate.**

Covered in the attached Form of Deed – please see 37747 – Children's Hospital Construction Contract - Attachment 2.

Signatures and names of staff who are not employees of Belfast Trust have been redacted - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act - Personal Information relating to a third party. Disclosure of this information would contravene the principles of the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

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5. Copies of any Board, Executive Management Team, or other delegated approval documents authorising the execution of the contract.

See relevant Extract from Confidential Trust Board minutes dated January 2025 where execution of the contract was authorised – please see 37747 – Children's Hospital Construction Contract - Attachment 3.

The extract provided contains the section of the Board minutes that falls within the scope of this request. Other parts of the minutes relate to agenda items that are outside the scope of your request and have therefore been redacted.

Names of staff who are no longer employees of Belfast Trust have also been redacted - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act - Personal Information relating to a third party. Disclosure of this information would contravene the principles of the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.