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Belfast Trust ICT Contracts

This is a request for information that relates to the organisation's contracts around ICT contract(s) for Server Hardware Maintenance, Server Virtualisation Licenses and Maintenance and Storage Area Network (SAN) Maintenance/Support, which may include:			
1. Server Hardware Maintenance - contracts relating to the support and maintenance of the organisation's physical servers. **2. Virtualisation Maintenance/Support/Licensing (VMware, Solaris, Unix, Linux, Windows Server)** **3. Storage Area Network Maintenance/Support (EMC, NetApp etc.)**			
For each of the types of contract described above, please can you provide me with the following data? If there is more than one contract, please split the information for each separate supplier this includes annual spend			
	Type 1	**Type 2**	**Type 3**
1. Contract Title: Please provide me with the contract title.	*Information withheld on basis of cyber security infrastructure / third party supply chain threat.		
2. Type of Contracts (above): Please can you provide me with one or more contract types the contracts relate to: Server Hardware, Virtualisation, SAN (Storage Area Network)	*Information withheld on basis of cyber security infrastructure / third party supply chain threat.		
3. Existing/Current Supplier: Please provide me with the supplier's name for each contract.	*Information withheld on basis of cyber security infrastructure / third party supply chain threat.		
4. Brand: Please state the brand of hardware or software	*Information withheld on basis of cyber security infrastructure / third party supply chain threat.		
5. Operating System / Software (Platform): (Windows, Linux, Unix, vSphere, AIX, Solaris etc.) Please state the operating system used by the organisation.	*Information withheld on basis of cyber security infrastructure / third party supply chain threat.		
6. Annual Average Spend: Please provide me with the most recent annual spend for this contract?	*Information withheld on basis of cyber security infrastructure / third party supply chain threat.		

7. Contract Duration: (Please can you also include notes if the contract includes any contract extension periods.)	*Information withheld on basis of cyber security infrastructure / third party supply chain threat.
8. Contract Expiry Date: Please can you provide me with the date of when the contract expires.	*Information withheld on basis of cyber security infrastructure / third party supply chain threat.
9. Contract Review Date: (An approximate date of when the organisation is planning to review this particular contract.)	*Information withheld on basis of cyber security infrastructure / third party supply chain threat.
10. Purchase of Servers: Could you please provide me with the month and year in which most/bulk of servers were purchased.	*Information withheld on basis of cyber security infrastructure / third party supply chain threat.
11. Number of Physical Servers: Please can you provide me with the number of physical servers.	*Information withheld on basis of cyber security infrastructure / third party supply chain threat.
12. Number of Virtual Servers: Please can you provide me with the number of Virtual servers' servers.	*Information withheld on basis of cyber security infrastructure / third party supply chain threat.
13. Brief Contract Description: I require a brief description of the service provided under this contract. Please do not just put maintenance. I need at least a sentence.	*Information withheld on basis of cyber security infrastructure / third party supply chain threat.
14. Contract Owner: (The person from within the organisation that is responsible for reviewing and renewing this particular contract. Please include their full name, job title, direct contact number and direct email address.)	Christy Donnelly, IT Operations Manager, christy.donnelly@belfasttrust.hscni.net

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If this service is part of a managed contract, please can you send me the contract information for this managed service, including Hardware Brand, Number of Users, Operating System, and contact details of the internal contact responsible for this contract	*Information withheld on basis of cyber security infrastructure / third party supply chain threat.

*All of this information is exempt from release under Section 31(1)(a) - Law Enforcement and Section 43 – Commercial Interests.

Section 31(1)(a) states that information is exempt if its disclosure is likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. ICO guidance states that this can be used to protect information on a public authority's systems, which would make it more vulnerable to crime. It can be used by a public authority that has no law enforcement function:

- To protect the work of one that does
- To withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime.

Section 43(2) states that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). Disclosure of the requested information would leave Belfast Trusts digital infrastructure at significant risk of cyber security attack. This would compromise Belfast Trust's ability to provide Health and Care Services and carry on business-as-usual should the digital systems be compromised.

Both of these exemptions are Qualified Exemptions and are therefore subject to a Public Interest Test (PIT).

I can confirm that we have now carried out a PIT and the outcome is to maintain both exemptions and withhold the information from release.