

Freedom of Information request 014988
19/9/19

Please can I request under the Freedom of Information Act the following information in relation to any Private Finance Initiative contracts ever struck by yourselves or your predecessor organisations:

1) For each contract, the projected total (whole life) cost of the scheme, in £, detailed when the scheme was first agreed (i.e. the original projected cost of all Unitary Charge Payments over the full life of the scheme).

Information is published on the Treasury website

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/private-finance-initiative-and-private-finance-2-projects-2017-summary-data>

Please click on [current projects as at 31 March 2017](#)

Under the heading 'sector' select from the drop down list 'hospital and acute health'

Then, under the heading 'region' select from the drop down list 'West Midlands'
You will find 'Russells Hall Acute Hospital' and the related information.

2) The projected total (whole life) cost of the scheme, in £, as at August 1, 2019 (i.e. the real cost for previous years and projected cost for future years of all Unitary Charge Payments over the full life of the scheme).

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If there is a difference between 1 and 2, please can you provide details of:

A) The date(s) the projected costs changed

B) The reason(s) the projected costs changed

See responses to questions 1 and 2 above

Please can I also request:

3) A copy of the original contract/agreement

The PFI contract is held in paper format and has hundreds of pages.

The cost and resources required to review and remove any exempt information is likely to be so great as to place a grossly oppressive burden on the Trust. As such the Trust wishes to use FOI exemption 12(1) where 12 — (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

The Trust's FM services are provided by our Private Finance Initiative partner as a part of a comprehensive Facilities Management Service.

The full range of services is paid by means of a single unitary payment which does not identify individual cost items.

The Trust's outsourced FM Services are:

- Catering
- Portering
- HSDU
- Laundry/Linen Services
- Domestic Services
- Estates
- Transport
- Security
- Grounds and Gardens
- Pest control
- Telephone Services/Switchboard
- Collection, Transportation and Disposal of health care waste

The Trust is contracted with Summit Healthcare (Dudley) Limited to provide the FM services in partnership with its FM Service Provider. The Trust's contract with its PFI Partner started on 17th May 2001 and expires after 17th May 2041.

The full range of services is paid for by means of a single Unitary Payment and Tariff Adjuster Mechanism which does not identify specific costs.

Please find links below to the Trust website giving more information on the PFI:

<http://www.dgft.nhs.uk/about-us/private-finance-initiative-partners/>

<http://www.dgft.nhs.uk/about-us/private-finance-initiative-partners/interserve/>

<http://www.dgft.nhs.uk/about-us/private-finance-initiative-partners/summit-healthcare/>

4) An itemised list of any payments made to the PFI contractors for services not included in the original PFI deal, from the beginning of the deal to the current date, and to include exact details of what was being paid for.

Payments made to PFI are for services included in the original agreement.

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Details of Trust finances can be found in the annual accounts which can be found at

<http://www.dgft.nhs.uk/about-us/publications/annual-report/>

Details of payments over £25,000 are also published on the Trust website

<http://www.dgft.nhs.uk/about-us/publications/transparency-spend-over-25000/>