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Ref: FOI-022024-000670

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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

I would be most grateful if the information below could be provided in line with the NHS Freedom of Information policy:

- **Name of current Pathology courier / transport supplier for each hospital within the Trust (including supplier undertaking GP specimen collections if applicable)**
- **Pathology courier / transport contract commencement date (and tender reference number if known)**
- **Pathology courier / transport contract end date (please include any contract extension options)**
- **Expenditure on the contract(s) for financial years 2021/22 and 2022/23**

- **Name of current Pharmacy courier / transport supplier for each hospital within the Trust (including any Pharmacy to home services)**
- **Pharmacy courier / transport contract commencement date (and tender reference number if known)**
- **Pharmacy courier / transport contract end date (please include any contract extension options)**
- **Expenditure on the contract(s) for financial years 2021/22 and 2022/23**

Response

Name of current Pathology courier / transport supplier for each hospital within the Trust (including supplier undertaking GP specimen collections if applicable)	<p>Black Country Pathology Services</p> <p>Mitie</p>
Pathology courier / transport contract commencement date (and tender reference number if known)	<p>The Trust's Facilities Management services are provided by our PFI 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. Courier and transport is a part of that PFI agreement.</p>

<p>Pathology courier / transport contract end date (please include any contract extension options)</p>	<p>The Trust’s Facilities Management services are provided by our PFI 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. Courier and transport is a part of that PFI agreement. This service is in line with the PFI contract and will run for 45 years from the year</p>
<p>Expenditure on the contract(s) for financial years 2021/22 and 2022/23</p>	<p>Providing costs would reveal commercial in confidence contract pricing arrangements so as per FOI Exemption 43 (2), as per Section 43 (2) ‘Commercial Interests’ – The level of competition currently experienced within the NHS is such that the release of detailed information specifically relating service level reporting detailing capacity and funding would have a prejudicial impact on the Trust resulting in it being less competitive. Therefore, the Trust wishes to use exemption Section 43 (2) (where Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).</p>

<p>Name of current Pharmacy courier / transport supplier for each hospital within the Trust (including any Pharmacy to home services)</p>	<p>Fairview Health LTD</p>
<p>Pharmacy courier / transport contract commencement date (and tender reference number if known)</p>	<p>01.12.2022 (TENDER REF C153150)</p>
<p>Pharmacy courier / transport contract end date (please include any contract extension options)</p>	<p>30.11.2024 (EXTENSION OPTIONS 12M + 12M)</p>
<p>Expenditure on the contract(s) for financial years 2021/22 and 2022/23</p>	<p>Providing costs would reveal commercial in confidence contract pricing arrangements so as per FOI Exemption 43 (2), as per Section 43 (2) ‘Commercial Interests’ – The level of competition currently experienced within the NHS is such that the release of detailed information specifically relating service level reporting detailing capacity and funding would have a prejudicial impact on the Trust resulting in it being less competitive. Therefore, the Trust wishes to use exemption Section 43 (2) (where</p>

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If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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