

24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**BY EMAIL**

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**Our Ref: FOI 1044**

Dear ██████████

Your request for information was received on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please be advised that the Business Services Organisation (BSO) has now completed its search for the information you requested with regards Clinical System Contracts within the SHSCT:

- The EPR System contract was extended under review until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- It is intended to review this contract on an annual basis.
- The EPR System contract is still in use.
- The information relating to the contract holder has been withheld as this is considered exempt from disclosure under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Commercial Interests). This is a qualified exemption and is therefore subject to the Public Interest Test, a copy of which is attached for your information.

I hope that the information provided assists you. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter.

In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to

Information Governance Manager,  
2 Franklin Street,  
Belfast,  
BT2 8DQ

If, following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision making panel, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the BSO has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

You can contact Information Commissioner at:

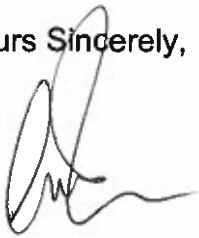
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3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place  
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In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liam McIvor', with a large, stylized initial 'L'.

**Liam McIvor**  
Chief Executive

## Public Interest Test

Contract supplier information	
Exemption claimed in respect of Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000; Commercial Interests	
<b>In favour of disclosure of information</b>	<b>In favour of not disclosing information</b>
Details of public service contract and tender processes require openness, transparency and accountability.	To publicly release the information sought would adversely affect the viability of any similar tender and contract application processes, thereby prejudicing the commercial interests of the BSO and its client organisations.
	To provide the information sought would disadvantage other applicants and therefore reduce the effectiveness of the tender process for a public service contracts.