



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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FOI Reference number: FOI 32/2025

Date: 9 July 2025

Request.

Dear FOI Officer,

I hope this message finds you well. I am submitting a Freedom of Information request in relation to your organisation's contract register, procurement strategy, and key contact information.

1. Contract Register

Please provide a complete and current extract of your organisation's contract register or equivalent database. We are not asking you to compile new information or manually populate missing fields – we simply request the register in its existing form, preferably in Excel or CSV format.

Where available, we are particularly interested in the following fields (though this is not a strict requirement):

- Contract Title**

- Supplier Name**

- Estimated Spend (Total or Annual)**

- Contract Duration and Total Period (including extensions)**

- Contract Start and Expiry Dates**

- Review Date**

- Contract Description**

- Contract Owner (Name, Job Title, Contact Details if available)**

- **Contract Notes**
- **Managing Department**
- **Award Date**
- **Participating Organisations**
- **Procurement Category**
- **Framework or Tender References**
- **Central Purchasing Body**
- **Classification Codes (CPV, Pro-Class, etc.)**

Please don't spend time populating these fields if they aren't readily available – we welcome receiving the raw register as it exists in your system.

2. Total Number of Active Contracts

Please confirm the total number of contracts currently listed as active.

3. Procurement Strategy (2025/2026)

Please provide your organisation's Procurement Strategy for 2025/2026.

- **If this is part of a multi-year strategy (e.g., 2024–2028), please provide the most recent version covering 2025/2026 or indicate when this will be available.**
- **If any parts are redacted, please identify the redacted sections and the reason.**

4. Contact Information

If possible, please provide the name, job title, phone number, and email address for the following roles:

- **Responsible officer for API access or data sharing (if applicable)**
- **Individual managing the contract register**
- **Finance Director**
- **Head/Director of Procurement or Purchasing**

- **Head/Director of ICT**
- **Head of Estates and Facilities**
- **Relevant Committee Member, Councillor, or Board Member for Procurement/Finance**

If direct contact details are restricted due to GDPR, please indicate the best department or method of contact.

5. Additional Notes

- **If your contract register is available via an online portal, please ensure all records are accessible (as some portals may only show summary data).**
- **If your organisation uses a contract management system or CRM, please confirm whether it allows for data exports.**
- **If you intend to withhold spend figures, please note that we are requesting an overall total or indicative spend only – not a line-by-line financial breakdown.**

Format and Delivery

We would appreciate receiving the information in electronic format, ideally as Excel or CSV, within the statutory FOI response period.

Answer:

Please find attached a copy of the Northern Ireland Policing Board's Contracts Register in excel spreadsheet format. The names of the suppliers have been redacted under Section 38 of the FOI Act (Health and Safety). A copy of the Public Interest Test is attached.

We do not hold all the information that you have requested in the headings that you have listed but have provided as much information as we can in the heading format that we capture in our contracts register.

In respect of item: **No 2. Total Number of Active Contracts is 34**

In respect of item: **No 3. Procurement Strategy (2025/2026).** The Northern Ireland Policing Board does not have a Procurement Strategy Plan.

In respect of item: **No 4. Contact Information** any enquiries in relation to the Board's contracts should be directed to Information@nipolicingboard.org.uk

If you have queries about this request or the decision, please contact the Board quoting the reference number above. If you are unhappy with the service you have received and wish to make a complaint or request a review you should contact the Board's Chief Executive -

Via Email: foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk

Or in writing at the following address:

Northern Ireland Policing Board
James House
Block D
2 – 4 Cromac Avenue
The Gasworks
Belfast
BT7 2JA

You should contact the Board within 40 working days of this response.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot investigate or make a decision on a case unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Board. You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following web link –

www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

or in writing at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Telephone: - 0303 1231114
Email: - ni@ico.org.uk

Please be advised that Policing Board replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.nipolicingboard.org.uk.

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Contract Title/Description	Managing Department	Supplier Name	Date Contract Awarded	Contract start date
Provision of SMP Services	Police Pensions & Injury Benfit	[REDACTED]	Call-off list	07/10/16
Independent Pensions Advice	Police Pensions & Injury Benfit		23/06/21	23/06/21
Independent Pension Board Chair	Police Pensions & Injury Benfit		12/06/2023	12/06/2023
Sage support	Finance		28/03/2022	01/04/2022
Banking Service	Finance		01/04/2022	01/04/2022
External Audit	Finance		09/07/2023	09/07/2023
Provision of Travel and Accommodation	Strategic Planning & Goverance		01/05/21	01/05/21
Internal Audit Provision	Strategic Planning & Goverance		10/06/19	01/07/19
Board digital meeting solution	Strategic Planning & Goverance		20/12/19	01/01/21
Public sector payment card	Strategic Planning & Goverance		06/04/20	01/08/20
Catering Services	Strategic Planning & Goverance		05/03/2024	05/03/2024
Interpretation, translation and transcription services (wef 1 Feb 2022)	Comms		01/02/2022	01/02/2022
Provision of Audio Visual Services	Comms		15/03/2024	01/04/2024
Provision of Design and Print Services	Comms		16/02/2024	16/02/2024
Human Rights Advisor	Human Rights & Prof Standards		24/07/2019	24/07/2019
Transcription and Stenography Service	Human Rights & Prof Standards		21/02/2025	21/02/2025
Rates	Emerging Priorities		N/A	01/09/20
Postal Services	Emerging Priorities		01/08/2021	01/08/2021
Provision of Mobile Phones	Emerging Priorities		01/10/2027	01/10/17
IT Support and Maintenance	Emerging Priorities		01/08/2022	01/08/22
Business users carparking	Emerging Priorities		01/07/2022	01/08/2022
Shredder Maintenance	Emerging Priorities		31/01/2024	01/02/2024
Technical Security Advisor	Emerging Priorities		20/03/2024	20/03/2024
Provision of Security & Ancillary Services	Emerging Priorities		01/09/2024	01/09/2024

Provision of Planned/Reactive Maintenance Services for Intruder Detection/CCTV/Access Control Systems	Emerging Priorities		22/07/2024	01/08/2024
Provision of Copier Paper	Emerging Priorities		26/11/2024	01/01/2025
Provision of Secure Courier	Emerging Priorities		21/02/2025	01/02/2025
Provision of Cleaning Services	Emerging Priorities		26/02/2025	01/04/2025
Provision of Stationary & Office Equipment Supplies	Emerging Priorities		01/04/2025	01/04/2025
Provision of Temporary Staff.	People & Organisational Develop		N/A	25 January 2021
HR Connect	People & Organisational Develop		N/A	01 April 2009
Human Resources Consultant	People & Organisational Develop		08/06/2022	08 June 2022
Recruitment & Selection Advisor for Chief Officer Appointments	People & Organisational Develop		06/10/2022	22 October 2022
Employee Assistance Programme	People & Organisational Develop		30/01/2023	02 November 2022

Contract end date	Contract Duration	Option to extend contract	Provide details of option to extend	Procurement-CPD/COPE Framework Used	Total Contract Value(including extensions) excluding VAT
Call-off list	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	£ 3,100,000.00
22/06/26	60 Months	N/A	N/A	Y	£ 115,000.00
11/06/2028	60 months	Y	12 months	N/A	£ 50,000.00
31/03/2027	60	N	N/A	N	£ 24,665.00
31/03/2031	108	Y	1+1+1+1	Y	£ 600.00
08/07/2028	60	y	1+1	N	£ 120,000.00
30/04/26	60	N	N/A	Y	£ 50,000.00
31/03/26	80	N	12 month extension taken	N	£ 107,000.00
01/01/27	72	N	N/A	N	£ 92,335.57
31/07/25	60	N	N/A	Y	£ 150,000.00
04/03/2027	36	Y	2 YEAR PLUS 1 YEAR EXTENSION	N	£ 30,000.00
31/01/2026	48	N	N/A	Y	£ 9,000.00
31/03/2026	24	Y	1	N	£ 30,000.00
31/03/2029	60	N	N/A	Y	£ 300,000.00
24/07/2025	60	Y	N/A	N	£ 1,039,000.00
20/02/2028	36	Y	1	Y	£ 50,000.00
30/04/28	ongoing	N	N/A	N	£ 825,000.00
31/07/2026	60	N	N/A	Y	£ 39,109.00
Ongoing	60	N	N/A	Y	£ 20,000.00
Ongoing	Ongoing	N/A	N/A	N	£ 1,200,000.00
01/08/2026	48	N	N/A	N	£ 120,000.00
31/01/2026	24	Y	12 months	N	£ 2,400.00
20/03/2027	36	N	N/A	N	£ 9,000.00
31/08/2027	36	Y	2x24 mths	N	£ 738,228.82

31/07/2027	36	Y	2x12 mths	N	£	29,000.00
31/12/2028	48	N	N/A	Y	£	11,968.64
30/01/2028	36	Y	2x12 mths	Y	£	65,000.00
31/03/2028	36	Y	2x24 mths	Y	£	105,000.00
31/03/2028	36	N	N/A	Y	£	36,000.00
24 January 2026	60	N	N/A	Y	£	1,300,000.00
29 March 2026	17 yrs	N	N/A	Y	£	200,000.00
07 June 2026	48	N	N/A	Y	£	100,000.00
21 October 2025	3 years	Y	two optional extension periods of 1 year each	Y	£	135,000.00
01 November 2025	36	Y	one period of up to 2 years	Y	£	5,000.00

Public Interest Test - Section 38 Exemption (Health and Safety)

Harm Test

Disclosure of Supplier names who currently have been awarded a contract with the Policing Board could put those individuals at risk and impact on their safety. As the Policing Board works in a policing environment, release of the suppliers names would also highlight their association with the Policing Board / PSNI and could put their business and employees at risk. Terrorism in Northern Ireland still remains a threat.

Public Interest Test

Factors Favouring Release – Section 38

Releasing the information would promote openness and transparency. There is always a strong public interest in information that relates to the use of public funds and the procurement of services and suppliers.

Factors Favouring Retention – Section 38

Having regard to security considerations there are concerns that release of this information would, or would be likely to endanger the physical health and or, the safety of individuals.

Release of this information could be of interest to those looking to commit acts of crime or terrorism.

It is never in the public interest to endanger the health and safety of any individual or group of individuals.

Decision

Whilst accountability surrounding the use of public funds is always a strong argument in favour of releasing information, the balance will always favour retention where there is a risk to the safety of individuals. At this time, there is still a threat and to release the names of companies providing a service to the Policing Board could assist criminal elements in targeting these individuals. In this case, therefore the decision must favour not releasing the names of the companies awarded the contract. The safety of individuals is of paramount importance and the Policing Board will not divulge any information which could put lives or property at risk.