



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: 02/2021

Date: 29 January 2021

Request:

I want to submit a request for some information from the organisation, in relation to their contract's register.

The contract register should display all the organisations existing/live contracts I would like the register to display the following columns/headings:

1. Contract Reference
2. Contract Title
3. Procurement Category
4. Supplier Name
5. Spend (Total or Annual)
6. Contract Duration
7. Contract Extensions
8. Contract Starting Date
9. Expiration Date
10. Contract Description [Please provide me with as much detail as possible.]
11. Contact Owner (Full contact details if possible.)
12. CPV codes/ProClass
13. Can you also provide me with contact details of the person responsible for the actual Contract's register or someone responsible for API? [Name, Job Title, Telephone, Email Address) At the very least provide me with their actual job title.

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 13 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 13 the person responsible is the Head of Finance and IT.

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 write to the Board's Chief Executive at the following address:

Northern Ireland Policing Board
Waterside Tower
31 Clarendon Road
Clarendon Dock
Belfast BT1 3BG

Email: foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk

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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted 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.

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.

Contract Description	Supplier Name	Date Contract Awarded	Contract start date	Contract end date	Contract Duration	Option to extend contract	Provide details of option to extend	State if One-off or recurring contact	Total Contract Value excluding VAT
					months	Y/N			£
Provision of Selected Medical Practitioners (SMP) Services		Various	01/10/2016	30/09/2021	60	N	N/A	Recurring	£3.1 million
Financial Software support		30/03/2017	01/04/2017	31/03/2022	60	Y	3+1+1	Recurring	£20,000
Provision of Mobile Phones		01/10/2017	01/10/2017	ongoing	12	N	N/A	Recurring	£10,000
Broadband and Analogue Phone Lines				ongoing	ongoing	N/A	N/A	Recurring	£2,500 per year
IT Support and Maintenance		01/10/2017	01/10/2017	ongoing	ongoing	N/A	N/A	Recurring	£170,000 per year
Website Accessibility Audit		03/09/2020	03/09/2020	03/09/2023	36	Y	2+1	Recurring	£30,000
Shredder Maintenance		20/04/2018	20/04/2018	19/04/2021	36	Y	12 months	Recurring	£1,434
Provision of cleaning service.		N/A	01/04/2020	31/03/2023	36	Y	N/A	Recurring	£41,843
Provision of security guard service.		01/09/2019	01/09/2019	31/08/2022	36	Y	1+1	Recurring	£193,000.00
Removal of Protectively Marked Paper and Optical and Magnetic Waste		N/A	01/03/2019	28/02/2023	48	N	N/A	Recurring	No value as part of wider NICS contract
Pan Government Collaborative Arrangement - Copier Paper		N/A	01/01/2020	31/12/2024	60	N	N/A	N/A	No value as part of wider NICS contract
Provision of Travel and Accommodation		01/03/2016	01/05/2016	31/05/2021	60	y	2 x 1 yrs	Recurring	No value as part of wider NICS contract
Provision of stationery & office equipment supplies		N/A	31/10/2016	31/03/2021	54	Y	1+1	Recurring	No value as part of wider NICS contract
Property Management Contract Northern Region		N/A	01/04/2020	31/03/2024	48	Y	n/a	Recurring	No value as part of wider NICS contract
Rent to Landlord		N/A	01/09/2020	28/02/2022	18	N	N/A	One-Off	£652,500
Payment of Quarterly Service Charge (covering portion of 6 monthly Estate charge made by Harbour Commissioners to landlord & landlord's charge for this site)		N/A	01/09/2020	28/02/2022	18	n/a	n/a	Recurring	£53,140
Rates		N/A	01/09/2015	ongoing	ongoing	n/a	n/a	Recurring	£825,000
Supply of Metered Electricity		n/a	01/04/2020	31/03/2022	36	n/a	n/a	Recurring	No value as part of wider NICS contract
Supply of Natural Gas		01/04/2019	01/04/2019	31/03/2021	24	N	N/A	Recurring	No value as part of wider NICS contract
Internal Audit Provision		10/06/2019	01/07/2019	01/07/2022	36	Y	n/a	One-off	£40,788
Provision of Human Resources Advice		21/03/2017	22/03/2018	21/03/2022	48	N	N/A	Recurring	£72,000
Catering Services		28/09/2018	01/10/2018	30/08/2021	36	y	1 year	Recurring	£30,000
HR Connect		N/A	01/04/2009	01/04/2024	15 yrs	N	N/A	Recurring	£30,000 per yr
Provision of Audio Visual Services		27/08/2019	02/09/2019	01/09/2021	24	Y	1 year	recurring	£20,000
Provision of Design and Print Services		15/05/2018	16/05/2018	15/05/2021	36	Y	2 year	recurring	£120,000
Translations and Transcriptions Services		06/10/2017	06/10/2017	05/04/2021	42	Y	6 month	Recurring	£5,000
JESP Process - PSNI Senior Civilian Structure		14/09/2020	14/09/2020	28/02/2021	6 months	N	N/A	One-Off	£19,925
Executive Search Facility - PSNI Senior Civilian Position - Chief Operating Officer		29/09/2020	29/09/2020	28/02/2021	6 months	N	N/A	One-Off	£10,560
Human Rights Advisor		24/07/2019	24/07/2019	24/07/2022	36	Y	annually for a further 2 years	Recurring	£274,000
Board Digital Meeting Solution		20/12/2020	01/01/2021	31/12/2021	12	Y	n/a	recurring	£8,600
Public Sector Payment Card		06/04/2020	01/08/2020	31/07/2023	36	Y	1+1	Recurring	No value as part of wider NICS contract