



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

**FOI Reference number:** 42/2015

**Date:** 18 August 2015

**Request:**

I wish to submit a freedom of information request to the organisation with regards to their current recycling and waste support and maintenance contracts.

Examples of recycling contracts you could have:

- Green Waste Disposal
- Household Waste Recycling Centres
- Refuse Recycling Street Cleaning
- Recycling Collection Services

Examples of waste management contracts you could have:

- Waste Development Environmental Assessment
- Waste Transfer & MRF (Materials recovery facility)
- Waste Disposal Landfill
- Bulky Waste

For each of the types of contract above please can you send me :

1. Contract Type- From the examples given above please state what type of contract this is. Please state other and type of contract if the type of contract is not listed above. In some cases the organisation will have one or two big contracts that is covered in a managed contract please state in the contract description what services the contract provides as well.
2. The supplier of the recycling or waste contract
3. What is the annual average spends for each of the suppliers. For those organisations with new contracts can you please specify the estimated spend?
4. A brief description of what the contract entails. Please to specific to the services provided under these contract(s). Please provide me with a few sentences.
5. What is the contract duration of the each of the contract(s)?

6. What is the start date of each contract(s)?
7. What is the expiry date of each contract(s)?
8. When does the organisation intend to review these contract(s)
9. Who is responsible for reviewing this contract please send me their full name, actual job title, contact number and their direct email address.

Even if the organisation has a managed contract please can you send me all the contract information I have requested including the contact details.

If this contract has just been award within the last six months can you please send me information on the shortlist of suppliers that bid on the contract?

**Answer:**

### **Recycling Contracts**

#### **A.**

1. Contract Type – Recycling Collection Services
2. Supplier – (Name redacted under Sect 38 of FOIA)\*
3. Annual average spend – £300
4. Brief description of what the contract entails – The Contract provides a recycling service for the collection of waste paper (includes newspapers & pre-shredded paper), cardboard, plastic and tin cans.
5. Contract duration – 12 Months
6. Start date of contract - September 2014
7. Expiry date of contract – 1 September 2015
8. Review of contract – September 2015
9. Details of person responsible for reviewing contract – Human Resources Officer, Tel: 02890 408500, Email: [information@nipolicingboard.org.uk](mailto:information@nipolicingboard.org.uk)

#### **B.**

1. Contract Type – Recycling Collection Services
2. Supplier – (Name redacted under Sect 38 of FOIA)\* - through the Northern Ireland Civil Service Collection & Recycling of Dry Office Waste Products & Confidential Waste (Managed Contract)

3. Annual average spend – £750
4. Brief description of what the contract entails – The contract provides a recycling service for the Northern Ireland Civil Service which includes a facility for the collection of non-confidential documents.
5. Contract duration – 24 months with option for 2 x 12 month extensions. This contract was subsequently extended until 30 April 2016 to allow for a new NICS contract to be put in place
6. Start date of contract – 1 October 2010
7. Expiry date of contract – 30 April 2016
8. Review of contract – 30 April 2016
9. Details of person responsible for reviewing contract – Suggested contact is Central Procurement Directorate, Supplies & Services Branch, Department of Finance & Personnel. Tel: 02890 816555 Email: [procure.info@dfpni.gov.uk](mailto:procure.info@dfpni.gov.uk)

### **Waste Management Contracts**

#### **A.**

1. Contract Type – Waste Disposal Landfill
2. Supplier – (Name redacted under Sect 38 of FOIA)\*
3. Annual average spend – £2,400
4. Brief description of what the contract entails – The contract provides a service for the weekly collection of commercial waste from our premises.
5. Contract duration – no limit i.e. until terminated by the Policing Board
6. Start date of contract – 24 April 2001
7. Expiry date of contract – as above, when advised by the Policing Board
8. Review of contract – no formal review of contract, other than periodic pricing reviews by the supplier.
9. Details of person responsible for reviewing contract - Human Resources Officer, Tel: 02890 408500, Email: [information@ipolicingboard.org.uk](mailto:information@ipolicingboard.org.uk)

\* The exemption at section 38 (Health & Safety) of the Freedom of Information Act is a qualified exemption and as such the Policing Board is required to conduct a public interest test to determine if, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the Section 38 exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

In the circumstances of this request the Policing Board has determined that at this time the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure, and therefore the redacted information is not being released.

A copy of our public interest test document is enclosed for your information.

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](mailto: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:-

The Information Commissioner's Office – Northern Ireland  
3rd Floor  
12 Cromac Place  
Gasworks  
Ormeau Road  
Belfast  
BT7 2JB.

Telephone: - 0303 1231114  
Email: - [ni@ico.org.uk](mailto:ni@ico.org.uk)

Please be advised that all Policing Board replies under Freedom of Information will be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.nipolicingboard.org.uk](http://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk).

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

## Exemption at Section 38 of the FOIA – Health and Safety

### PUBLIC INTEREST TEST CONSIDERATIONS

**Information being withheld** – Names of Organisations holding Contracts with the Policing Board.

#### Arguments that weigh in favour of disclosure

Release of the information would promote transparency, accountability and participation.

Providing the requested information is in line with the spirit of openness and transparency enshrined within FOI legislation.

#### Arguments that weigh in favour of maintenance of the exemption

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.

#### Decision

In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information.