

Ref: CCG 40713

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1st September 2017,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 25th August, with regards to the Provision of a Black and Minority Ethnic Community Service on behalf of Liverpool CCG.

Request/**Response**

1. A copy of the original tender document from Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group to commission NHS services for the provision of a Black and Minority Ethnic Community Service on behalf of Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group.

Please find attached document in response to question 1.

2. The number of other organisations, if any, that were approached or responded to any tender for the commissioning/ delivery of the provision of a Black and Minority Ethnic Community Service on behalf of Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group.

Five providers expressed an interest in providing the service for a Black and Minority Ethnic Community Service on the behalf of Liverpool CCG.

3. A copy of the successful Tender document submitted by the provider/s for the provision of a Black and Minority Ethnic Community Service on behalf of Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group.

The information you have requested is exempt under Section 43 (Commercial Interests) of the Freedom of Information Act and is therefore withheld.

In considering your request for the successful tender document submitted by the provider/s for the provision of a Black and Minority Ethnic Community Service on behalf of Liverpool CCG, we have applied the S43(2) of the 2000 Act, as the disclosure under the 2000 Act would prejudice the CCG's commercial interests, in respect of its ability to obtain bids effectively in a

competitive market for these services that reflect best value for money, and quality of services through fair competition.

The CCG has also considered the public interest and having undertaken the balancing exercise, the CCG has concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the request for information, as the CCG needs to be able to work within competitive markets.

The CCG have also considered that the information sought would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the contracted providers and could affect their ability to participate effectively within an open market.

Providing such information is likely to provide considerable assistance to competitors in other forthcoming procurements, and all arguments herein which infer the real and significant risk to disclosing this information to a competitor, or any other member of the public which may intent to obtain this information to have an unfair advantage by obtaining confidential information.

4. The name/s of the successful provider/s for the provision of a Black and Minority Ethnic Community Service on behalf of Liverpool Clinical Commissioning group.

Mersey Care NHS Trust.

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Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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