

Information Governance

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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 13 November, making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

Request:

Part 1

1. Does your Trust/CCT currently use a private company to undertake any of the following services: • Public Relations • Social Media Communications • External Stakeholder Communications • Internal Stakeholder Communications.
2. If yes, can you please confirm: • When the current contract(s) was/were last let • When the current contract(s) expires/expire • Whether the current contract(s) has/have options to extend its length • When you expect to retender the contract(s).
3. If no (to question 1 above), are you considering letting such a contract(s) in the future and if so, do you have an approximate timetable for engaging the market?

Part 2

4. Have you used a private company to help you with any other marketing or public information campaigns in the past 2 years?
5. If so, could you please provide a brief overview of what those campaigns were about and approximately how long your contract with the company was for to support the campaign(s)?

Response:

1. No.

2. N/A.

3. No.

Part 2

4. No.

5. N/A.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

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

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Underwood

Head of Information Governance