FOI 2731

Date 04/12/2023

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

Reference: The Provision of Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) - In accordance with the Act, we request the following documentation and information:

1. Copies of successful tender submission
2. Value of winning tender
3. Principle reason for selecting the winning bidder

We completed the tender process, assessed and responded to all bidders following the processes dictated by the Public Contract regulations. We cannot provide the information requested in points one and two because this is commercially sensitive - Contract negotiations are still ongoing.

The reason for selecting the winning bid was because they provide the most economically advantageous tender in line with the details of the specification. All bidders were provided with a detailed review of their own bid in comparison to the winning bid.

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 Yours sincerely,

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