



Ministry
of Defence

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"Please provide a listing of current suppliers to Ministry of Defence for the supply of temporary staffing solutions / locums within the medical, AHP, HSS, pharmacy and nursing disciplines.

Please also provide details of any current frameworks or preferred supplier lists in place relating to the supply of the above disciplines. If there are current frameworks in place, please advise of the next date at which the MOD will be seeking to re-tender or renew the agreement along with the proposed process for re-tendering.

Please provide within this information a breakdown of spend covering the last 12 months. This information should show the total spend to agencies broken down by discipline and month.

If at all possible, please could you relate the data to the MOD globally."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found below, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the a qualified exemption provided for at Section 43 (2) – commercial interests, of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Details of the MOD's current Healthcare and Dental Services Temporary Staff framework contracts are as follows:

Contract Number	Contract Title	Supplier	Duration
CTLBC/1426	Healthcare and Dental Services Temporary Staff	Hays	4 January 2011 to 31 August 2015
CTLBC/1427	Healthcare and Dental Services Temporary Staff	Castlerock Group (CRG)	4 January 2011 to 31 August 2015
CTLBC/1428	Healthcare and Dental Services Temporary Staff	Honeybee (also trading as Military Medical Personnel)	4 January 2011 to 31 August 2015

The MOD is, in accordance with the Government's efficiency reform agenda, intending to utilise the new Multidisciplinary Temporary Healthcare Personnel framework contract, which the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union (reference 2015/S 053-092799) published on 17 March 2015.

The MOD spent £46,487,252 on temporary Healthcare and Dental Services staff during the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015, but is unable to provide a more detailed breakdown of its expenditure given it may prejudice the outcome of the above, CCS led, competition.

Section 43(2) of the Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). In this instance it was found that there could be harm to the contractors' interests in disclosing a detailed breakdown of rates sufficient to outweigh the strong general argument for disclosing commercial information in the interests of accountability and openness. There are also ongoing Tenders and release of the detailed data you have requested is likely to prejudice commercial interests.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

