



Homes
England

Date: 27 April 2021

Our Ref: RFI3392

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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3392

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).
You requested the following information:

The contract information sent by the organisation previously has now expired please can you provide me with a new update of the telephone maintenance contract:

Please can you send me the following contract information with regards to the organisation's telephone system maintenance contract (VOIP or PBX, other) for hardware and Software maintenance and support:

- 1. Contract Type: Maintenance, Managed, Shared (If so please state orgs)*
- 2. Existing Supplier: If there is more than one supplier please split each contract up individually.*
- 3. Annual Average Spend: The annual average spend for this contract and please provide the average spend over the past 3 years for each provider*
- 4. Hardware Brand: The primary hardware brand of the organisation's telephone system.*
- 5. Number of telephone users:*
- 6. Contract Duration: please include any extension periods.*
- 7. Contract Expiry Date: Please provide me with the day/month/year.*
- 8. Contract Review Date: Please provide me with the day/month/year.*
- 9. Application(s) running on PBX/VOIP systems: Applications that run on the actual PBX or VOIP system. E.g. Contact Centre, Communication Manager.*
- 10. Telephone System Type: PBX, VOIP, Lync etc*

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11. Contract Description: Please provide me with a brief description of the overall service provided under this contract.

12. Go to Market: How where these services procured, please provide me with either the tender notice or the framework reference number. Please specify if procured through other routes.

13. Contact Detail: Of the person from with the organisation responsible for each contract full Contact details including full name, job title, direct contact number and direct email address.

If the service support area has more than one provider for telephone maintenance then can you please split each contract up individually for each provider.

If the contract is a managed service or is a contract that provides more than just telephone maintenance please can you send me all of the information specified above including the person from with the organisation responsible for that particular contract.

If the maintenance for telephone systems is maintained in-house please can you provide me with:

1. Number of telephone Users:

2. Hardware Brand: The primary hardware brand of the organisation's telephone system.

3. Application(s) running on PBX/VOIP systems: Applications that run on the actual PBX or VOIP system. E.g. Contact Centre, Communication Manager.

4. Contact Detail: Of the person from with the organisation responsible for telephone

maintenance full Contact details including full name, job title, direct contact number and direct email address.

Also if the contract is due to expire please provide me with the likely outcome of the expiring contract.

If this is a new contract or a new supplier please can you provide me with a short list of suppliers that bid on this service/support contract?

Response

We are able to inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information is available to the applicant elsewhere.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link and we have quoted section 21 below for ease.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>



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21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. We can confirm that there has been no change to the information provided in our response to a previous request, which can be found here: [RFI3304 - Telephone Maintenance Contract.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#).

Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an internal review. You can request an internal review by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

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Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for review will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.



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You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link <https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

The Information Governance Team
For Homes England

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