



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

**Request Ref: NGFOI 16/17: 659**

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 16 March 2017 and I am pleased to be able to provide you with a response.

*I am researching the NHS use of rostering and rota management software. For each supplier used at the organisation, please provide the following information:*

1. *Name of Software:*

Allocate

2. *Description of its uses (including the staffing groups or departments it is used for):*

It is used for rostering for all staff and Nurse Bank Bookings. This system is not used for Rostering Doctors.

3. *Who signed the contract (job title)*

Director of Facilities and Capital Development

4. *What is the maximum sign off value of this person's position?*

£1,000,000.

5. *What was the value of the contract?*

This information is withheld under section 43(2) Commercial Interests

Reason / Explanation

To provide the information as requested, would be disclosing information which is commercially sensitive and could prejudice the commercial interests of our suppliers. This information is therefore held exempt under section 43 of the FOI Act.

In relation to this exemption (known as a 'Prejudice' based exemption), as required, we have applied the Public Interest Test and have found that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

We can however confirm that the value is below the maximum value allowed.

6. *What is the contract term?*

60 months expiring 31/12/17

7. *When was it signed?*

January 2013

8. *What is the notice period?*

3 Months prior to the end of the contract

9. *Was it bought through a framework? If so, please state which one :*

Through CCS Sprint II Framework