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Dear Mr Burgess

Your request for information received on 22 March 2018 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I am writing regarding the Universities expenditure on a number of CCTV & Access Control Systems.

Please kindly provide me with the following information..

CCTV Equipment

1. The total spend on CCTV Systems & Equipment in the last two years FEB 2015 – FEB 2018
2. Can you provide any current supplier names for the above equipment?
3. Please outline details of any current framework or preferred supplier list in place for the supply of CCTV Systems along with details on any renewal dates or plans to re-procure the agreements.
4. Please outline the members of staff responsible for procuring this equipment

Access Control/Security Solutions

5. The total spend and the types of Access Control Systems & Equipment on site in the in the last two years FEB 2015 – FEB 2018 (e.g. Proximity readers, key fob/keypad entry, biometric solutions, pin pad entry systems, NFC or retina identification)
6. Can you provide any current supplier names for the above equipment?

7. Please outline details of any current framework or preferred supplier list in place for the supply of Access control Systems along with details on any renewal dates or plans to re-procure the agreements.
8. Please outline the members of staff responsible for procuring this equipment

University Response

1. In terms of costs this is commercially sensitive information because we only have one contractor for this service and so in this instance we cannot disclose the current or previous annual spend. This information has therefore been withheld on the basis that it is considered to be exempt under s.43(2) of the FOIA.

This is a qualified exemption and we have therefore applied the public interest test. In making this decision we have weighed such factors as the University's desire to be open and transparent in all its dealings against the need to ensure that it is able to contract openly in the market place and protect the commercial interests of those companies and bodies it deals with. The disclosure of information would be likely to assist competitors in gaining an advantage over future bids; to release this information would be likely to prejudice the competitiveness of the incumbent contractor when bidding for future university business; and it would also be likely to prejudice University's commercial interests by not being able to obtain future competitive bids and thereby obtain the best possible value for money for the public purse. Accordingly, insofar as this element of your request is concerned and in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act ("the Act") this letter acts as a refusal notice.

2. ICTS is the supplier.

3. Contract awarded as part of tender process (through OJEU). Contract expires August 2018, however MDX have two additional option years taking it to August 2020.

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6. G4s

7. G4s system is closed protocol and no procurement for the system (waived).

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I trust this satisfies your request sufficiently. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you have the right to complain about the University's response to your request for information. If you have such a complaint, you may contact Mrs Teresa Kelly, Clerk to the Board of Governors, Middlesex University, Hendon campus, London NW4 4BT, tel: 020 8411 6018, t.kelly@mdx.ac.uk within 40 days of the date of this letter for a review of the University's decision. If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of that complaint, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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