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Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 23-A-013**

You asked:

Can you please provide the following for any Blood Gas Analysis contracts your Health Board holds that include analysers, consumables, reagents or accessories.

1. Contract end date

December 2023

2. Any extension options available

Not applicable

3. Anticipated annual value of the contract

This information has been withheld.

Section 43 of the Act sets out an exemption for the right to know if release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity). Section 43 is a qualified exemption. That is, it is subject to the public interest test.

The contract referred to is due for renewal this year and therefore the tendering process is imminent. Therefore although there is a public interest in the scrutiny of how public money is spent, the timing of the release of this information in a commercial environment is of critical importance. Releasing this information at this present time could be disadvantageous to the Health Board. To disclose the expenditure would give unfair advantage to potential bidders/competitors and could lead to distorted pricing in the market. In addition to the pricing sensitivities, disclosure may compromise the delivery of value for money, when the contract is renewed. In conclusion we feel we feel that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in releasing at this time.



4. Details of what is included

41 active analysers, 4 spare analysers, all reagents, consumables and servicing.

