Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Atebir gohebiaeth Gymraeg yn y Gymraeg, ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English. Welsh language correspondence will be replied to in Welsh, and this will not lead to a delay.

Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request
Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 23-E-045

You asked:

I am requesting the annual external software and consultancy costs of the board's Patient Level Information and Costing System. I am also requesting the name of the supplier of the software and consultancy services.

Our response:

The current supplier is Logex Healthcare Analytics (Assista Ltd) and the total value of the current All Wales contract is £561,364.00 covering a six year period to 31/3/24. Further information on costs requested 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 and therefore the tendering process is imminent. 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.

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