

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service

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E-bost/E-mail:	DataProtection@southwales-fire.gov.uk
Our ref:	IG001119
Dyddiad/Date:	3 rd November 2021

RE: Request for Information held by SWFRS

Your request ref: IG001119 has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked us:

I want to submit a request for some information from the organisation, in relation to their contract's register.

The FULL contract register should display all the organisations existing/live contracts I would like the register to display the following columns/headings:

- 1. Contract Reference -Unique reference number associated with the contract. Please see attached spreadsheet
- 2. Contract Title Please see attached spreadsheet 'Contract/Item Description'

3. Procurement Category –Please state the category name of the contract, I wish to know the category the contract is under. We do not capture Procurement Category

- 4. Supplier Name Please see attached spreadsheet
- 5. Spend (Total, Annual or contract value) Please see attached spreadsheet
- 6. Contract Duration Please see attached spreadsheet
- 7. Contract Extensions Please see attached spreadsheet
- 8. Contract Starting Date Please see attached spreadsheet
- 9. Expiration Date Please see attached spreadsheet

10. Contract Description [Please provide me with as much detail as possible.] Please see attached spreadsheet 'Contract/Item Description'

11. Contact Owner (Full contact details if possible.) The person with overall responsibility is the Senior Procurement Officer

12. CPV codes/Pro-Class We do not capture the CPV codes

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Contract Data/API Contact Details

1. Can you also provide me with contact details of the person responsible for the actual contract's register or someone responsible for API? [Name, Job Title, Telephone, Email Address] At the very least provide me with their actual job title. (*Meaning of API "a set of functions and procedures that allow the creation of applications which access the features or data of an operating system, application, or other service."*).) The person with overall responsibility is the Senior Procurement Officer

2.

IMPORTANT

1. If the organisation has a CRM system or a similar system, there should be a facility to download and extract contract data.

2. You may forward me a Weblink to a portal to download the contract register, please make sure all the organisation's contracts are provided as doing prior research I have found that most organisations have only uploaded a small portion of all their contracts.

3. For those organisations planning to make an exemption around spend, the spend information I have requested is an overall figure and I am not requesting a complete breakdown of services relating to the spend.

4.

Please provide me with the contract's register file in an excel format.

With regard to your request for direct contact details, SWFRS operates a single point of contact policy. All callers are requested to contact the Service via HQ Reception on 01443 232000. The call will be directed to the most appropriate department/individual to deal with your call.

This is the same for email correspondence. Please direct all emails enquiries to <u>swfs@southwales-fire.gov.uk</u> so that your request can be directed as appropriate.

This policy is in operation to ensure that calls/emails are dealt with more efficiently – as structures/posts can change, this prevents emails being sent to individuals whose role may have changed. It also prevents individuals from receiving unwarranted calls/correspondence.

This stance is supported by guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office which states that:

"The presumption is in favour of protecting privacy, so the release of personal information will only be fair if there is a genuine reason to disclose. This involves a three-stage test. A public authority will generally have to satisfy itself that:

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• there is a legitimate interest in disclosure;

• the legitimate interest can only be met, or fully met, by the disclosure of information which identifies individuals (i.e. the disclosure is necessary to that purpose); and,

• the disclosure would not involve unwarranted detriment to the individual's privacy or other rights and legitimate interests.

In this instance you have not provided any indications a legitimate interest in disclosure of such information – or demonstrated that the release of such information is vital to that interest.

If you have any queries regarding your Freedom of Information request, please contact us at <u>Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk</u> quoting the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are dissatisfied with the way that your information request has been handled, you can request an internal review by emailing Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk

We would like to thank you for your patience at this time.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office-Wales, 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours Faithfully Information Governance and Compliance Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk

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UPDATE COVID-19: Information Requests

We are kindly asking that any data protection correspondence come to Information Governance & Compliance via email, as due to Government advice many of our support staff are working flexibly and we may not be in receipt of physical post as normal. SWFRS anticipates that it may take us longer than 20 working days to complete Freedom of Information Requests and Subject Access Requests. The Information Commissioner recognises that there might be delays as our services and resources may be being utilised in slightly different ways, under the current unprecedented circumstances. At current, we are no longer accepting physical postal cheques, however we can accept BACs payments for items that carry a fee (such as IRS Reports and Interviews, where appropriate following standard procedure and charges).

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