

FOI 2022-924

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21st November 2022 concerning a list of bidders regarding the refurbishment of Melksham Custody Suite contract.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and after having consulted the South West Procurement Service and our Force Solicitor – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I write to you in relation to a contract you awarded.

Contract title: Refurbishment & Alterations to Melksham Custody Suite Date of award of this notice: 14/11/2022

Information Requested

In accordance with s.1 of the Act, which provides a general right of access to information held by public authorities, I wish to receive the following information:

- A copy of the list of all bidders (company names) and, from those, the bidders who were successful

I request that any personal data relating to individuals is removed before this information is sent. Should the scorecards be unavailable I would request that the list of applicants only be submitted.

Response:

Information relating to who the contract for the refurbishment and alterations of Melksham Custody Suite was awarded to can be found readily available in the public domain and is therefore exempt under Section 21 – Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means.

Please refer to the following website for more information: <https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/PublicPurchase/47109/0/1?returnUrl=ctm/Supplier/PublicTenders&b=BL>

UELIGHT (go to the “Contract award notice (FTS)” link for information regarding who the contract was awarded to).

Please see the following other bidders with whom the contract was not awarded:

- F P Hurley & Sons Ltd
- Melhuish and Saunders

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemption applied:

Section 21 – Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means