



Freedom of Information Request FOI 24 72

ERP system

Query:

We would like to know when you plan to procure an ERP system and which portal you will be using for this process.

Additionally, could you please provide the contact details of the program manager or project manager who will be overseeing this initiative?

Response:

We anticipate that we will be looking to go out to procurement very shortly, before the end of June 2024.

This procurement will be advertised on the In-Tend Bluelight e-Tendering Hub. Please find the attached guidance document for prospective suppliers.

The name and contact details of the project manager have been withheld because we are of the opinion that the following exemptions apply:

Section 24

Section 24 exempts information from disclosure for the purpose of safeguarding national security. It is a qualified exemption, which means that it is subject to a public interest test.

We acknowledge the public interest in openness and transparency, but we consider that there is also a public interest in the Service protecting national security. The disclosure of members of staff's names and contact details, which would not ordinarily be in the public domain, could allow individuals to impersonate them and attempt to coerce other staff members to aid them in a targeted cyber-attack or other similar scenario. Consequently, this could then have an adverse impact on our ability to mobilise fire appliances and therefore the UK's security. We have therefore concluded that this exemption applies, and that non-disclosure serves the public interest better than release in this instance.

Section 40

We are applying the exemption afforded by section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which provides that a request for information is exempt from disclosure if the information requested constitutes personal data about a third party. In particular we choose to rely upon section 40(3A), which provides an absolute exemption if disclosure of the personal data would contravene any of the data protection principles as defined in the Data Protection Act 2018. We are of the opinion that to share more junior (below head of department level) members of staff's details in the public domain would not be within their reasonable expectations and would be unfair and contrary to the first data protection principle.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 20, June 2024