



Reference: RFI 1805096

Request:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please could you provide me with the following information:

1. What number, and value, of procurement contracts and/or tenders with a value of over £10,000 have been issued by the council, but not listed on the Contracts Finder website, in a) current financial year b) each financial year since 2015/16?

The information request cannot be answered by automated system reports, and would require a manual trawl through approximately 10,000 records in our ordering and procurement systems and then cross referenced to the contract finder website.

Therefore this part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

Where the value of a contract is below the financial thresholds in the Public Contracts Regulations, the Authority is only required to advertise opportunities on Contracts Finder which exceed £25,000 and where they have been advertised on other portals or websites, otherwise these will be advertised in accordance with the Authority's Contract Standing Orders.

2. What, if any, standing orders does the council have in relation to when a procurement contract and/or tender must be published on the Contracts Finder website, including any specified minimum contract value, setting out the method by which the contract is issued i.e. single quotation, three quotations or tender.

The Authority's Contract Standing Orders are available at <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/304/council-constitution>

3. Any internal guidelines, documents or policies relating to when procurement contracts and/or tenders should or should not be published on the Contracts Finder website.

As detailed in the Authority's Contract Standing Orders.