

**Request Ref: 2639**

FOI Request dated **23/05/2022** as follows –

*1. What Applications and Versions are you running for the following Functions –*

- a) Finance?*
- b) HR?*
- c) Payroll?*
- d) Projects?*
- e) Business Intelligence Software Tools?*

*2. If you're a work tribe user for Research Management, in what regards do you use it for –*

- a) Opportunities*
- b) Pre awards*
- c) Contracts*
- d) Ethics*
- e) Post awards*
- f) Curriculum Management*

*3. What is the Contract Value for Work tribe and the start and end date of the contract?*

*4. Will you be interested in a trial or Demo for a grant Management platform?*

*5. We request for you to provide contact details of all chief decision-makers regarding your technology through your organisation?*

**Response**

1. What Applications and Versions are you running for the following Functions –

- a) Finance? Dream 3.6
- b) HR? iTrent Release 10
- c) Payroll? iTrent Release 10
- d) Projects? No specific organisational wide software.
- e) Business Intelligence Software Tools?  
Microsoft BI Desktop and Server, Microsoft SQL Server and Microsoft Reporting Services.

2. If you're a work tribe user for Research Management, in what regards do you use it for –

- a) Opportunities - No
- b) Pre awards - Yes
- c) Contracts - No
- d) Ethics - No
- e) Post awards - Yes
- f) Curriculum Management - No

3. What is the Contract Value for Work tribe and the start and end date of the contract? –

3 Year term value –

This part of your request we have exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 43(2) – Commercial Interests.

Section 43 is a class-based qualified exemption and is therefore subject to a Public Interest test.

### **Public interest considerations**

#### **Factors favouring disclosure**

- Disclosing information regarding contract costs would ensure the University are being open and transparent with the public. It would also allow the public to see where the public funds for the University are being spent.

#### **Factors against disclosure**

- Disclosing the information requested is likely to damage the relationship between the University and the service provider(s). In turn, this could prejudice the commercial interests of the service provider(s), especially in cases where there may be a limited number of suppliers in the market. Making a disclosure could identify information which has been specifically obtained through contractual agreements between the University and the service provider(s).

#### **Balance test**

- Despite there being an identifiable public interest in the University being open and transparent, the interests of the University may be jeopardised if information relating to sensitive commercial information are disclosed. The community would also be impacted as costs to the University could be driven up by the lack of competition due to companies refusing to do business with University's that disclose commercially sensitive information. If this information were to be disclosed, this could cause harm between the University of Hull and its service provider(s). Having weighed up all of the factors outlined above, on balance the argument for disclosing this information is not made out and therefore it is in the public interest to withhold this information from disclosure.

Contract end date – Feb 2025

4. Will you be interested in a trial or Demo for a grant Management platform? Not a valid question under FOI (Section 8) – for details and contact of our Procurement department please see –

<https://www.hull.ac.uk/work-with-us/more/supplying-our-university/procurement>

5. We request for you to provide contact details of all chief decision-makers regarding your technology through your organisation? - Graeme Murphy Director of ICT ([G.N.Murphy@hull.ac.uk](mailto:G.N.Murphy@hull.ac.uk))