Request Ref: 2614

FOI Request dated 22/04/2022 as follows –

- Please can you send me a list of all the suppliers you have purchased goods or services from in your last financial year and the annual spend with those suppliers. Please note this information is not commercially sensitive as all you will be giving me is the total money spent with each supplier not any detail of what you bought.

Response

The University does not currently have a contracts register, due to recent reorganisation and transformation work across the University.

In relation to any information held s22 exempts information from disclosure which is intended for future publication.

S22 states that the information is exempt information if:

a. the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date
b. the information was already held with a view to publication at the time the request for information was made, and
c. it is reasonable in all circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph.

The Head of Procurement is currently working to compile a spreadsheet based list which should be this year (2022), and published as part of the University Publication Scheme.

Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of the FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which (a) states that fact (b) specifies the exemptions in question and (c) if not otherwise apparent why that exemption applies. This response acts as that notice.