

Request Ref: 2729

FOI Request dated **05/10/2022** as follows –

- *What time of year are your Graduation ceremonies?*
- *Who is your current gown supplier?*
- *Who is your current photographer?*
- *How do you announce your tender opportunities eg In-Tend*
- *When does your current contract finish?*

Response

- What time of year are your Graduation ceremonies? **January and July**
- Who is your current gown supplier? **Tempest**
- Who is your current photographer? **Tempest**
- How do you announce your tender opportunities eg In-Tend –

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

It has been determined that this information is exempt on the basis that s21 of the Act applies – Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means. As this exemption is absolute there is no requirement for me to conduct a public interest test, however in order to provide assistance I provide the following link - <https://www.hull.ac.uk/work-with-us/more/supplying-our-university/procurement>

- When does your current contract finish? - **The University will be going out to tender following the January ceremonies, to be in place for the July ceremonies.**