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Subject: Call-off contracts in the public sector

REQUEST

I have identified a potential call-off contract awarded by Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, but I can't find details of the framework agreement it was awarded from.

I have attached an Excel file that contains the information I am looking at. The last two columns ("Title of framework used" and "Further framework info") is where I am missing information. Please could you provide the name of the specific framework agreement or DPS used here. If there is any further info which you think would help me locate the framework agreement (e.g., a link to the framework's Contract Finder or FTS listing, the framework provider, or a widely-used reference number such as CCS's RM codes), please use the final column for this.

Please note that I have identified this contract as a possible call-off contract, so there is a chance it is not a call-off. It could be, for instance, procured directly (without being called off from a framework agreement), or could be itself a notice of the establishment of a framework agreement. Therefore I would kindly ask you to specify in this instance what kind of procurement was used in the "Title of framework used" column.

I have provided the title, description, the publication date, and procedure type used to award the potential call-off, as well as a URL link to the call-off in question and a unique reference ID for the potential call-off.

RESPONSE

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act applies to this request. This information is publicly available.

Framework details are available on our contracts register. This is extracted and published on our organisation's at least annually. The most recent publication was August 2025

https://sthk.merseywestlancs.nhs.uk/resources/download/sthk-67f6683dd5fed1.25935097