



Freedom of Information Request FOI 23 24

Departmental documents around ICT and corporate procurement

Query and response:

I would like the organisation to provide me with the following departmental documents around ICT and corporate procurement.

Many organisations within your region have different document title names:

1. 2023/24 IT Department Documents ;- these types of documents have detailed information on the department's future plans and strategies. These documents could include: ICT Strategy/Plan, ICT Department Plan, ICT Financial Plan

Under the terms of the Act, a request for information can be refused where one or more exemptions listed in the Act apply. In this case we are claiming the following exemptions to the information that you have requested:

“Information accessible by other means” in Section 21 of the Act. The information requested can be found using the following link:

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/ICT-Strategy.pdf>

2. ICT Org Chart ;- with names and job titles

Please see attached “FOI 23 24 ICT organisational structure”. With the exception of the Head of ICT (whose name is already in the public domain), the names of individuals have been withheld under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 24 is a qualified exemption, which means that it is subject to a public interest test.

We acknowledge the public interest in openness and transparency, but we consider that there is also a public interest in the Service protecting national security. Disclosing the names of our ICT staff could potentially allow individuals to impersonate them, thus making us more vulnerable to social engineering. Consequently, this could have an adverse impact on our ability to mobilise fire appliances and therefore the UK’s security. We have therefore concluded that this exemption applies and that non-disclosure serves the public interest better than release in this instance.

For these reasons, we consider that the public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

3. Corporate Procurement Strategy that covers 2023/24 and more.

Please see attached “FOI 23 24 Procurement plan 2022 to 2026”.



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For all the documents I have requested, please provide me with the 2023/24 documents, I only want to only receive documents that are live and valid. If the document is a strategic plan (e.g. 2020-2025) that covers a set number of years, please provide me with the 2023 version.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 03, March 2023