



## Freedom of Information Request FOI 21 10

### Local Area Network (LAN)

#### Query and response:

Can I please make a request under the Freedom of Information Act and I would like to request the following information about the organisation's Local Area Network (LAN) environment.

You may have received the same request in the past and this information sent has now expired and I require an update as soon as possible for the following information.

Please can you send me the organisation's Local Area Network (LAN) contract, which may include the following:

- Support and Maintenance- e.g. switches, router, software etc
- Managed- If this includes services than just LAN.

**Our full Local Area Network (LAN) contract is withheld under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 24 exempts information for the purpose of safeguarding national security. It 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. The full disclosure of our LAN contract could allow individuals to assess the strength of our ICT systems and any perceived vulnerabilities. Consequently, this could then 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.**

Where possible, we have provided information in response to your questions below.

1. Contract Type: Managed or Maintenance

**Neither, the hardware only is in support, all managed in house otherwise.**

2. Existing Supplier: Who is the current supplier?

**Some of the information that you have requested is publicly available. 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 [here](#).**

3. Annual Spend for each supplier: What is the annual average spending on the supplier above? If there is more than one supplier please split the annual average spend for each supplier.

**As above.**



4. Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.

**Only the hardware is covered by the contract, not users.**

5. Number of Sites: The number of sites, where equipment is supported by each contract.

**57 sites – but contract covers hardware only.**

6. Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?

**Please refer to the section 24 exemption above.**

7. Contract Description: Please provide me with a brief description of the overall contract.

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8. Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract is and can you please also include any extensions this may include.

**As above**

9. Contract Expiry Date: When does the contract expire?

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10. Contract Review Date: When will the organisation be planning to review the contract?

**Summer 2021**

11. Responsible Officer: Contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?

**Fiona Kiernan-Tatem, Head of ICT, use main switchboard number, [Fiona.kiernan-tatem@DWfire.org.uk](mailto:Fiona.kiernan-tatem@DWfire.org.uk)**

If the LAN maintenance is included in-house please include the following information:

1. Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?



**Please refer to the section 24 exemption above.**

2. Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.

**It is not a contract as it is managed in house and covers all Dorset and Wiltshire sites.**

3. Number of Sites: Estimated/Actual number of sites the LAN covers.

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4. Responsible Officer: Who within the organisation is responsible for LAN please provide me with contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?

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If the contract is managed by a 3rd party e.g. Can you please provide me with

1. Existing Supplier: Who is the current supplier?
2. Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.
3. Number of Sites: Estimated/Actual number of sites the LAN covers.
4. Contract Type: Managed, Maintenance, Installation, Software
5. Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?
6. Contract Description: Please provide me with a brief description of the overall contract.
7. Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract is and can you please also include any extensions this may include.
8. Contract Expiry Date: When does the contract expire?
9. Contract Review Date: When will the organisation be planning to review the contract?
10. Responsible Officer: Who within the organisation is responsible for each of these contract(s) please provide me with contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?

**Not Applicable as not managed by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party**

**Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 04, February 2021**