



Freedom of Information Request FOI 26 32

Uniform contract

Query and response:

Please provide the following details regarding the Service's planned new uniform contract:

- *The total projected cost of the new uniform contract.*

We can confirm that this information is held, however, we are withholding it from disclosure in this response under Section 22 (Information intended for future publication) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 22 applies where:

- The information is held with a view to publication at a later date
- There is a settled intention to publish the information at the time of the request
- It is reasonable in all the circumstances to withhold the information until publication

Section 22 is a qualified exemption and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

Factors in favour of disclosure:

- Promoting transparency and accountability
- Contributing to public understanding of the issue

Factors in favour of maintaining the exemption:

- ensuring the information is accurate and complete before publication
- protecting the integrity of an established and well managed publication timetable
- avoiding the release of draft, unverified, or potentially misleading material

On balance, we consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure at this time. The information will be published once final checks are complete (we anticipate that this will be within the next two weeks), which will meet the public interest in transparency. Once it has been published it will be available via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>



- *The contract start date and intended duration (including any extension options).*

As above

- *The name of the supplier(s) or framework provider(s) to be used.*

As above. The name of the supplier will be published on the Contracts Finder via the link above.

The framework used was “YPO 1204 - Supply of PPE, Workwear, Uniform and Managed Services”.

- *The procurement route used or planned (e.g. direct award, framework, open tender).*

We used the further competition route against the YPO 1204 framework.

- *The estimated cost per uniform set, and how many uniform sets are included within the contract.*

The costs are per item not per set as 'sets' will vary dependent on job roles. We don't have a number of sets included, we have estimated annual quantities by item.

- *Any business case, cost–benefit analysis, or financial justification documents prepared in relation to this contract.*

No business case, cost-benefit analysis, or financial justification was required. As per procurement legislation, we are mandated to have a contract in place. Given that the current contract was due to expire without the possibility of extension, we were compelled to put the contract out to market. This was not a cost reduction exercise but a necessary step to comply with procurement legislation. Nevertheless, we used this opportunity to lower the cost of the uniform by modifying some of the items.

- *Any comparison data showing the cost of the current uniform contract versus the proposed new contract.*

When we add up all of the items that we would issue as a standard complete set, there is a reduction in the total cost of £34.19 per set when comparing the new contract against the old contract.

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