

REQUEST

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached Refuge's Freedom of Information request regarding the MOPAC tender for the "Pan London Domestic Violence Service".

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please send me the successful bid submitted by Victim Support for the MOPAC tender for the "Pan London Domestic Violence Service".

I would like the above information to be provided to me as paper or electronic copies.

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.

If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidence, I ask that you supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement and remind you that information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed.

I understand that you are required to respond to my request within the 20 working days after you receive this letter. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.

I look forward to hearing from you.

RESPONSE

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 26 May.

We are currently considering your request. Although the Act carries a presumption in favour of disclosure, it provides exemptions which may be used to withhold information in specified circumstances. Some of these exemptions, referred to as 'qualified exemptions', are subject to a public interest test. This test is used to balance the public interest in disclosure against the public interest in favour of withholding the information. The Act allows us to exceed the 20 working day response target where we need to consider the public interest test fully.

The information which you have requested is being considered under the exemption in Section 43(2) of the Act, which relate to Commercial Interests. This is a qualified exemption and to consider the public interest test fully we need to extend the 20 working day response period. We now aim to let you have a full response by 22 July.

I apologise for this delay and in the meantime you may find this link to the decision record relating to your request of interest:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/DMPCD%202015%2024%20Pan%20London%20Domestic%20Violence%20Service%20grant%20award.pdf>