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Request:

This year the council put out for tender the sexual health and contraceptive services contract. A bid was submitted by Brook and later approved by the council. The value of the contract awarded was for £2.5 million per year. Please could you release details of the bid submitted by Brook detailing how they plan to run the sexual health and contraceptive services for Cornwall while staying within budget. This should include information submitted in the bid regarding planned staff numbers and wages, locations of clinics and their costing of said sites for rent and utilities, plan for access hours for patients and anticipated numbers of patients to be seen by the services, costing and plan for testing, plan for access to specialist microbiology advice (and how this will be paid for). All of the above should have been included in the bid by Brook to show they have considered a range of issues that would allow the service to be run efficiently within budget.

Response:

This FOI is about the detail of a bid that Brook submitted to the Council and not about the Council's activities and equally Brook as a charity is not subject to the FOIA however, the Council can confirm that it holds information in response to your request for specific details of Brook's Sexual Health tender bid submission, but the Council has decided that certain elements of this information should be withheld from disclosure to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act ("the Act").

The information being withheld is classed as commercially confidential under s43(2).

As Section "(2) 43 - Commercial Interests" is a qualified exemption, a public interest test has been applied. The Council has concluded that the public interest test favours non-disclosure because although disclosure of this information would promote general openness and ensure local taxpayers are aware of how their



money is being spent and how decisions around this expenditure are being made it could also prejudice the current award of contracts for the new service specifications, or any potential future tender exercises.

In conclusion, in all circumstances of this case we are of the opinion that the balance of public interest favours non-disclosure of this information at this time.

In terms of the information you have requested the Council can disclose as follows:

- 1. Planned Staff Numbers** - Commercially Sensitive
- 2. Staff Wages** - Commercially Sensitive
- 3. Locations of clinics** - Bude, Launceston, Newquay, Redruth, Penzance, Bodmin, Liskeard, St Austell, Truro, Falmouth – as in the Specification
- 4. Cost of rent for clinics** - Commercially Sensitive
- 5. Cost of utilities for clinics** - Commercially Sensitive
- 6. Access hours for clinics** - as in the Specification:

Clinic	Type	Detail	Day/s	Time/s
Truro	Integrated clinic	Morning , afternoon & evening /drop in and appointments	Monday	9.00-19:30
	Integrated clinic	Morning , afternoon & evening /drop in and appointments	Tuesday	9.00-19.30
	Integrated clinic	Morning /drop in and appointments	Wednesday	9.00-12.00
	Integrated clinic	Under 25's drop in	Wednesday	13.00-17.00
	Integrated clinic	Morning , afternoon /drop in and appointments	Thursday	9:00-17:00
	Integrated clinic	Morning , afternoon /drop in and appointments	Friday	9.00-17.00
	Integrated clinic	Every week /drop in and appointments	Saturday	A session of 3 hours
St Austell	Integrated clinic	Weekly /drop in and appointments	Monday	9.00-17.00
Bude	Integrated clinic	Weekly /drop in and appointments	Monday	9.15-15.00
Launceston	Integrated clinic	Weekly /drop in and appointments	Monday	13.00-17.00
Newquay	Integrated clinic	Weekly /drop in and appointments	Tuesday	9.00-17.00
Bodmin	Integrated clinic	Weekly /drop in and appointments	Wednesday	9.00-17.00
Falmouth	Integrated clinic	Weekly /drop in and appointments	Wednesday	17.00-19.30
Redruth	Integrated clinic	Weekly /drop in and appointments	Wednesday	16.00-20.30
Penzance	Integrated clinic	Weekly/drop in and appointments	Thursday	9.00-17.00
Liskeard	Integrated clinic	Weekly /drop in and appointments	Thursday	14.00-17.00

7. Anticipated number of patients at clinics - The following was included in the Specification which Brook have confirmed they can meet:

Based on the average most recent attendance levels for the last two years we anticipate for this specification a minimum annual attendance level of 16,140



people accessing the service for a GUM service and 7,371 people accessing the service for contraception; this activity planning assumption can in future include the people accessing services online.

8. Costing and plan for testing - Commercially Sensitive

9. Plan for access to a specialist microbiology advice - Commercially Sensitive

10. How specialist microbiology advice will be paid for - Commercially Sensitive

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Date of response: