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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

### You Asked for:

1. Who wrote the specification for the tender) provide job role not name of officer)
2. What consultation has taken place with Parents/Carers/People resident at Girtrell Court in relation to the specification – what input was sought from this group?
3. What date did the tender for the proposed service appear on The Chest
4. What was the value of the tender/contract
5. For what duration was the contract advertised
6. How many providers submitted tenders for this contract
7. Which officers made up the evaluation panel to consider submissions
8. At what democratic committee was this tender agreed
9. If this tender was not considered by a committee which elected member signed off this contract

If the contract was not advertised through WBC's procurement process please advise the following:

1. Was this tender/contract advertised via the CCG procurement process
2. If so please provide responses to 1-6 above

If the contract was not advertised through either WBC or CCG procurement process please advise why not and the justification and decision to award a long term contract and income stream to a provider (CWP) without any form of competitive tendering exercise. If this is the case please provide the name of the Senior Officer who took this decision.

If such a decision was taken, please advise if any disciplinary action or investigation is underway to take action for a breach of procurement rules by the officer in question.

Neither the Local Authority nor NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has been involved in a procurement process for services delivered at Girtrell Court, nor is such a process planned.

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and the Local Authority, as providers of services for people with learning disability and challenging behaviour, are currently working together to review and redesign the way in which they provide these services, to move towards a more integrated service model.

The current provisions are subject to a service redesign. The redesign is joined, with both providers WC and CWP looking at their services collaboratively to work towards a more efficient and effective provision to meet people's needs locally, post the Winterbourne review. As such these are existing services which are not being procured, but are provider led, commissioner supported initiatives to deliver improved outcomes and required efficiencies locally.

I hope this sufficiently answers your FOI enquiry however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the FOI team (contact details at the top of this letter).

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