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Re: Freedom of Information Request – CCG Procurement

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 9th March 2020.

You Asked for:

I am interested to know;

1. How decisions are made to procure a product or service in your organisation.
2. How long it takes.
3. What is the process to present an innovative cost saving product/service.
4. To whom to direct the communications.

Our Response:

1. Decisions are made as per the business need i.e. either a contract renewal or a new requirement for a product or service. In both instances, a number of Executive Level approvals are required at various stages of the procurement in order to commence the procurement, during procurement and at the award stage.
2. Procurement timescales vary depending on the complexity and costs involved with the required goods/services.
3. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG's) in-house procurement team only deals with healthcare services procurement. All such procurements require early engagement with key stakeholders, including patient community, prior to the procurement stage. Any prospective providers can express their interest to engage with the CCG to discuss their products/service offer at this pre-procurement stage. Prior Information Notices (PIN) are published for all such procurements to alert the market about the opportunity. All other routine low value procurements are managed by the NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (MLCSU) on behalf of the CCG. The majority of those products/services are purchased via utilising various National Framework agreements or NHS Supply Chain.
4. The Procurement lead for NHS Wirral CCG is Siju George. I have included the contact details below should you wish to contact him direct:
Siju George: sijugeorge@nhs.net

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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