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10 March 2023

Dear

**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-2902-L&SC**

Thank you for your request dated 10 February 2023.

We can confirm that the ICB does hold the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>It has already been confirmed that there was only 2 bids submitted via the NECS portal with the deadline of 19th an October to submit.</p> <p>I would like to ask under the freedom of information act how many bids were submitted during the original timeframe of 29th July and 30th August 2022 please</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Two bids were received.</b></p>
Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>I would also like to ask is there a minimum number of bids required by law to make the tender process competitive?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>The tender process did not stipulate a minimum number of bids to be received. The tender process was carried out in accordance with the Light Touch Regime outlined in the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended) mirroring an Open Process.</b></p>

### **Right of Appeal**

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

### **To request an internal review**

You can request this by contacting the FOI team by email at [MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net](mailto:MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net) or by post to Jubilee House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TR, specifying why you require a review.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the CCGs FOI complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery  
ICB Chief Executive**