

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/012

Subject: Tender Requirements

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE		
1. The number of times that the ICB has waived its requirement to tender for goods and services under its SFIs and procurement rules.	9		
2. The total value of the goods and services purchased when tender requirements have been waived	£1,956,618		
3. The total number of occasions and value from qs 1 & 2 broken down into any specific circumstances/ categories listed in the ICBs procurement rules/ SFIs that describe when tender requirements can be waived.	Reasons for Single Tender Waiver		Number
	SFI 8.3.3 a “the estimated expenditure or income does not, or is not reasonably expected to, exceed £50K (contract life cycle);”		4
	SFI 8.3.3 K “there is a clear benefit to be gained from maintaining continuity with an earlier project. However, in such cases the benefits of such continuity must outweigh any potential financial advantage to be gained by competitive tendering;”		4

	SFI 8.3.3. I “where specialist expertise is required and is available from only one source”	7	
	SFI re 8.3.3.h “where the timescale genuinely precludes competitive tendering, but failure to plan the work properly would not be regarded as a justification for a single tender;”	2	
	SFI ref 8.3.3 d “in very exceptional circumstances where the Chief Executive Officer decides that formal tendering procedures would not be practicable or the estimated expenditure or income would not warrant formal tendering procedures, and the circumstances are detailed in an appropriate ICB record;”	2	
	Grand Total	19	
<p>The total reasons of 19 does not align to 9 Single tender Waivers because a number were approved for more than one reason. For this reason it is not possible to financially value the reason for each circumstance.</p>			

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 24 April 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.