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To whom it may concern

I would like to submit a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the 'Quality' sections for responses made by Voyage 1 Limited for the Unplanned Care Service (Pilot) (ref: DN291109 / OJEU: 2016/S 113-201668).

These request are for the 'Quality' sections ONLY.

Please confirm receipt of my request, thank you in advance.

Kind regard

Could you please clarify or indicate the data requested or the department that you feel would hold this.

Many Thanks

Please see the contract award notice to which my request relates:
<http://ted.europa.eu/TED/notice/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:451667-2017:TEXT:EN:HTML&src=0>

II.2.5 shows that 80% of the award criteria for this contract related to 'quality', it is this response from Voyage 1 Limited that I am requesting.

Kind regards

Dear

**Request for Information: Ref NCC-028222-17
Voyage 1 Limited for the Unplanned Care Service**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Voyage 1 Limited for the Unplanned Care Service on the 14/11/2017

I am afraid on this occasion that we are withholding this information under S43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act on the grounds that release would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of another body (Voyage 1 Limited).

Before reaching this decision we considered whether the public interest in withholding this information outweighed the public interest in disclosure, and taken the responses from the organisation and legal advice in order to come to this decision.

Please see attached pro forma

For example

We accept that there is a generic public interest in public sector contracts and in how they are awarded. Releasing information about procurement increases public confidence in the spending of public money and demonstrates equity and fairness in the procurement process.

However, against this must be balanced the legitimate commercial interests of companies who do business with the Council. Releasing the specific costs you requested would significantly prejudice the commercial interests of those companies in any future tender process. It would provide a significant advantage to their direct competitors and would considerably affect their ability to operate effectively in the competitive marketplace.

Furthermore, there is no suggestion that the correct procurement processes were not followed on this occasion which might justify closer scrutiny of the contract.

It is our conclusion, therefore, that on balance the public interest lies in withholding this information.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.

You have the right to ask us to review the decision to withhold this information. If you wish to do so, or if you wish to raise any concerns about the way your request was dealt with, then please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail complaints@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely