

FOI DOF/2022-0375

Request

Can I please make a request under the Freedom of Information Act and I would like to request the following information about the organisation's Local Area Network (LAN) environment. ***You may have received the same request in the past and this information sent has now expired and I require an update as soon as possible.***

Please can you send me the organisation's Local Area Network (LAN) contract, which may include the following:

- Support and Maintenance- e.g. switches, router, software etc
 - Managed- If this includes services than just LAN.
1. Contract Type: Managed or Maintenance
 2. Existing Supplier: Who is the current supplier?
 3. Annual Spend for each supplier: What is the annual average spending on the supplier above? If there is more than one supplier, please split the annual averages spent for each supplier.
 4. Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.
 5. Number of Sites: The number of sites, where equipment is supported by each contract.
 6. Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?
 7. Contract Description: Please provide me with a brief description of the overall contract.
 8. Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract is and can you please also include any extensions this may include.
 9. Contract Expiry Date: When does the contract expire?
 10. Contract Review Date: When will the organisation be planning to review the contract?
 11. Responsible Officer: Contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?

If the LAN maintenance is included in-house please include the following information:

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2. Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.
3. Number of Sites: Estimated/Actual number of sites the LAN covers.
4. Responsible Officer: Who within the organisation is responsible for LAN please provide me with contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?

If the contract is managed by a 3rd party e.g. Can you please provide me with

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2. Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.
3. Number of Sites: Estimated/Actual number of sites the LAN covers.
4. Contract Type: Managed, Maintenance, Installation, Software
5. Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?
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7. Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract is and can you please also include any extensions this may include.
8. Contract Expiry Date: When does the contract expire?
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10. Responsible Officer: Who within the organisation is responsible for each of these contract(s) please provide me with contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?

Response

I can confirm that the Department of Finance holds information in relation to your request. Please note that the information being provided is not contained in one overall contract, but has been retrieved from a number of systems, databases and contractual documentation.

Contract one – Northern Ireland Public Sector LAN

1. Contract Type: Managed or Maintenance

Maintenance for DC core only (spares held for other break/fix service provision)
2. Existing Supplier: Who is the current supplier?

HPE under PSSN contract change control
3. Annual Spend for each supplier: What is the annual average spending on the supplier above? If there is more than one supplier, please split the annual averages spent for each supplier.

£150,000 annual equivalent
4. Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.

Approximately 37,000 active ports

5. Number of Sites: The number of sites, where equipment is supported by each Contract.

2 data centre sites are supported

6. Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?

HPE and Aruba

7. Contract Description: Please provide me with a brief description of the overall contract.

PSSN is a public sector shared network provision contract covering WAN, LAN and telephony

8. Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract is and can you please also include any extensions this may include.

9 years including extensions from September 2019

9. Contract Expiry Date: When does the contract expire?

September 2028

10. Contract Review Date: When will the organisation be planning to review the contract?

2025

11. Responsible Officer: Contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address.

This information is exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Act. See below for further details on the application of this exemption, and also see The Lawfulness, Fairness and Transparency Test attached at Annex B.

We can however provide you with a generic business email address which is: itassist@nigov.net

If the LAN maintenance is included in-house please include the following information:

1. Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?

HPE and Aruba LAN equipment used

2. Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.

Approximately 37,000 active ports across all sites

3. Number of Sites: Estimated/Actual number of sites the LAN covers.

Approximately 340 sites

4. Responsible Officer: Who within the organisation is responsible for LAN please provide me with contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?

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N/A

2. Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.

N/A

3. Number of Sites: Estimated/Actual number of sites the LAN covers.

N/A

4. Contract Type: Managed, Maintenance, Installation, Software

N/A

5. Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?

N/A

6. Contract Description: Please provide me with a brief description of the overall contract.

N/A

7. Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract is and can you please also include any extensions this may include.

N/A

8. Contract Expiry Date: When does the contract expire?

N/A

9. Contract Review Date: When will the organisation be planning to review the contract?

N/A

10. Responsible Officer: Who within the organisation is responsible for each of these contract(s) please provide me with contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?

N/A

Contract two – Account NI Financial Management System

1. Contract Type: Managed or Maintenance

Managed

2. Existing Supplier: Who is the current supplier?

BT

3. Annual Spend for each supplier: What is the annual average spending on the supplier above? If there is more than one supplier, please split the annual averages spent for each supplier.

Information not held. An overall service cost is provided for Account NI. Costs are not itemised in this way

4. Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.

23,000 users

5. Number of Sites: The number of sites, where equipment is supported by each Contract.

Four

6. Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?

Cisco

7. Contract Description: Please provide me with a brief description of the overall contract.

On Premises contract. Supply of ICT services in relation to the Accounting Services Programme.

8. Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract is and can you please also include any extensions this may include.

Contract commenced 8 March 2006 and has recently been extended to 31 March 2026 with the option to extend for a further period of up to 24 months.

9. Contract Expiry Date: When does the contract expire?

Current Contract expires 31 March 2023 however further contract agreed to 31 March 2026.

10. Contract Review Date: When will the organisation be planning to review the contract?

December 2024

11. Responsible Officer: Contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address.

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N/A

2. Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.

N/A

3. Number of Sites: Estimated/Actual number of sites the LAN covers.

N/A

4. Responsible Officer: Who within the organisation is responsible for LAN please provide me with contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?

N/A

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6. Contract Description: Please provide me with a brief description of the overall contract.

- Communisis process Payable Orders for all Account NI Customers.
- Converts Supplier Invoices from PDF into XML and returns to Account NI for processing and paying end supplier.

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Contract three – Land Registry Application

1. Contract Type: Managed or Maintenance

Managed (PFI) contract

2. Existing Supplier: Who is the current supplier?

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3. Annual Spend for each supplier: What is the annual average spending on the supplier above? If there is more than one supplier, please split the annual averages spent for each supplier.

Information not held. It is not possible to give these costs as the contract spend is determined on the number of applications completed. Each application has a specific transaction cost which has costs for hardware and software built into the overall transaction cost.

4. Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.

250 users

5. Number of Sites: The number of sites, where equipment is supported by each Contract.

One

6. Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?

There is a mix of hardware from HP and Cisco

7. Contract Description: Please provide me with a brief description of the overall contract.

Land Registry application (LandWeb) that registers all lands in NI. This is hosted and supported by BT under a PFI agreement contract.

8. Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract is and can you please also include any extensions this may include.

The contract has been running for 20 years with a further 4 years

9. Contract Expiry Date: When does the contract expire?

July 2026

10. Contract Review Date: When will the organisation be planning to review the contract?

Contract will not be reviewed at this stage and it will run its term until 8th July 2026

11. Responsible Officer: Contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address.

This information is exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Act. See below for further details on the application of this exemption, and also see The Lawfulness, Fairness and Transparency Test attached at Annex B.

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N/A

2. Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.

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3. Number of Sites: Estimated/Actual number of sites the LAN covers.

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BT

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Applied Exemption Section 40(2) – Personal Information

Some of the information you have requested is being withheld because it is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 40(2) exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would, amongst other things, contravene one of the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act. Having considered all of the information contained within the lawful, fairness and transparency test, (attached separately accompanying this letter), the Department has established that, on balance, there is no lawful basis for the disclosure of third party personal data falling within the scope of the request (of which the requester is not the data subject).

FOI SECTION 40(2)

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The lawfulness, fairness and transparency test

Business areas are required to carry out a “lawfulness, fairness and transparency test” when considering the disclosure of third party personal data falling within the scope of a FOI or EIR request. In most cases, neither of the lawful basis outlined below will apply, however the business area must complete the test as evidence as having considered.

Brief description:

Name of the Responsible Officer

Lawfulness

Do either of the two lawful basis below which allow for the disclosure of personal data apply? **No**

- Consent:** This will apply when the data subject(s) clear consent exists that allows you to disclose the personal data falling within the scope of this request. E.g, a member of staff may agree to their name being disclosed.
- Legitimate interests:** the disclosure is necessary for the Department’s legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party that overrides the data subject(s) rights and freedoms, particularly their right to privacy.

As a result the exemption/exception for 3rd party personal data will apply.