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I refer to your email dated 15th May 2023 in which you asked for information regarding the PPS mobile phone contract. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Freedom of Information Act creates rights of access for any person making a request for information to a public authority. The rights of access are twofold. First, to be informed by the public authority if it holds information of the description specified in the request, and if that is the case, secondly, to be provided with that information. These rights are subject to important limitations, which are designed to achieve a proper balance between the right to know and considerations of law and policy in the broader public interest.

You had asked the following:

“I want to make a Freedom of Information request, could you please send me the following information with regards to the organisation’s Mobile Phones contract. 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 for the following information:

If there is more than one provider, please split all the information including the annual average spend, number of connections, duration, contract dates and internal contact details.

1. *Network Provider(s) - Please provide me with the network provider name e.g., EE, Telefonica, Vodafone, Three*

2. *Annual Average Spend for each Network Provider - Can you please provide me with the average annual spend over the last 3 years. If this is a new contract, can you please provide the estimated annual spend.*
3. *Number of Connections- Number of connections for each network provider. (Number of voices only devices, voice and data devices, data only devices) please provide me with the breakdown and not the overall total.*
4. *Duration of the contract- please state if the contract also includes contract extensions for each provider.*
5. *Contract Start Date- please can you provide me with the start date of the signed agreement. Please do not provide me with the framework contract date I require the contract dates of the signed agreement. (if there are multiple start dates, could you please provide me with the earliest date for each provider)*
6. *Contract Expiry Date- please can you provide me with the expiry date of the signed agreement. Please do not provide me with the framework contract date. I require the contract dates of the signed agreement. If the contract is rolling, please state.*
7. *Contract Review Date- Please can you provide me with a date when the organisation plans to review this contract.*
8. *The person in the organisation responsible for this particular contract. Can you send me the full contact details Contact Name, Job Title, Contact Number and direct email address for each network provider? If full contact details cannot be provided, please send me their actual job title.*
9. *If the mobile phone contract is provided by a managed contract, please provide me with the actual name of the network provider along with the number of connections and the internal contact from within the organisation responsible for this contract.*
10. *Please can you provide me with the latest information- If the organisations are currently out to tender, please can you also state the approx. date of the award along with the information above.*
11. *Also, if the contract in the response has expired/rolling please can you provide me with further information if available of the organisation's plans going forward with regards to mobiles and the contract status?*
12. *If this contract was awarded within the past three months, can you please provide me with a shortlist of suppliers that bid on the contract?"*

In response, I can advise the following;

Q1. Network Provider(s) - Please provide me with the network provider name e.g., EE, Telefonica, Vodafone, Three

A. Vodafone

Q2. Annual Average Spend for each Network Provider - Can you please provide me with the average annual spend over the last 3 years. If this is a new contract, can you please provide the estimated annual spend.

A. £13, 375.56

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Q3. Number of Connections- Number of connections for each network provider. (Number of voices only devices, voice and data devices, data only devices) please provide me with the breakdown and not the overall total.

A. Voice only devices- Nil, Voice & Data Services- 240, Data only devices- Nil

Q4. Duration of the contract- please state if the contract also includes contract extensions for each provider.

A. 24 months, no contract extensions.

Q5. Contract Start Date- please can you provide me with the start date of the signed agreement. Please do not provide me with the framework contract date I require the contract dates of the signed agreement. (if there are multiple start dates, could you please provide me with the earliest date for each provider)

A. 15th November 2017

Q6. Contract Expiry Date- please can you provide me with the expiry date of the signed agreement. Please do not provide me with the framework contract date. I require the contract dates of the signed agreement. If the contract is rolling, please state.

A. 14th November 2019

Q7. Contract Review Date- Please can you provide me with a date when the organisation plans to review this contract.

A. This process is ongoing.

Q8. The person in the organisation responsible for this particular contract. Can you send me the full contact details Contact Name, Job Title, Contact Number and direct email address for each network provider? If full contact details cannot be provided, please send me their actual job title.

A. PPS Operations Manager

Q9. If the mobile phone contract is provided by a managed contract, please provide me with the actual name of the network provider along with the number of connections and the internal contact from within the organisation responsible for this contract.

A. PPS Operations Manager

Q10. Please can you provide me with the latest information- If the organisations are currently out to tender, please can you also state the approx. date of the award along with the information above.

A. N/A Tender process hasn't started yet.

Q11. Also, if the contract in the response has expired/rolling please can you provide me with further information if available of the organisation's plans going forward with regards to mobiles and the contract status?

A. Procurement exercise being considered.

Q12. If this contract was awarded within the past three months, can you please provide me with a shortlist of suppliers that bid on the contract?

A. N/A see response to Q11 above.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review in accordance with our review procedure. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of this response and you can do so by writing to the Head of Policy and Information, Public Prosecution Service, Belfast Chambers, 93 Chichester Street, BELFAST, BT1 3JR or alternatively by sending an e-mail to info@ppsni.gov.uk. You should state clearly the grounds on which you are requesting the review.

Alternatively, you may wish to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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