



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: 17/2021

Date: 14 June 2021

Request:

I wish to submit a request to the organisation around their hosting contract(s) with 3rd party providers.

The type of contract I wish to see is below:

1. Dedicated hosting- Managed environment
2. Co-Location- hosting allows a business to still own their own server equipment; however, instead of storing it in their own data centre, they instead are able to store it in rented space in a colocation hosting centre.
3. Cloud Hosting- Cloud hosting services provide hosting for websites on virtual servers, which pull their computing resource from extensive underlying networks of physical web servers.

Not all of these will be applicable to the organisation.

For the different types of hosting services, can you provide me with the following information:

1. Type of hosting – Dedicated, Co-Location, Cloud Hosting, Other?
2. Who is the supplier of the contract? If possible can you also provide me with the name of the vendor, if applicable?
3. What is the annual contract value for each contract?
4. What type of cloud environment?
Private Cloud- a distinct and secure cloud based environment in which only the specified client can operate.
Public Cloud - where cloud services are provided in a virtualized environment, constructed using pooled shared physical resources, and accessible over a public network such as the internet.
Hybrid- integrated cloud service utilising both private and public clouds to perform distinct functions within the same organisation.
5. What is the original start date of the contract agreement? If there are more than one contract please provide me with the start date for each contract.
6. What is the actual expiry date of the contract agreement? If there are more than one contract please provide me with the expiry date for each contract.
7. When will the organisation plan to review this contract? If there are more than one contract please provide me with the review date for each contract.
8. What is the contract period in years? Please include whether the agreement has any extension periods?
9. What services are provided under the contract? Please do not put hosting information such as web hosting, file storage, hosted application. The more information the better,
10. Can you please provide me with the contract officer responsible for this contract? Complete contact details if possible name, title, contact email and number.

You may have received the same request in the past. The information sent has now expired and I required an update as soon as possible. If all the information besides the contract dates are the same, I am happy to just receive an update on the contract dates

Answer:

The Policing Board's IT Contract comes under the Civil Service Centralised IT Contract which is provided by IT Assist and IT Assist Confidential (ITAC). All the Board's IT requirements are provide by IT Assist and ITAC and are included in one annual payment for the services they provide. The Boards hosting costs would be included within this and all hosting is looked after by IT Assist and ITAC. The Board does not have a breakdown or any details of these contracts or the environments used as it is all included in the Centralised Civil Service contract provided by IT Assist.

1. The Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB) utilises the Civil Service centralised IT contract which is provided by IT Assist. All of the NIPB's IT and hosting services are provided by IT Assist and will continue to do so. The NIPB is not aware what type of hosting is used by IT Assist.
2. IT Assist.
3. Hosting costs are included in the overall IT Contract provided by IT Assist. This year the annual cost was £2,430.00.
4. See Answer 1.
5. The Policing Board joined the Civil Service centralised IT contract in October 2016.
6. See Answer 1.
7. See Answer 1.
8. The Policing Board has an ongoing contract with IT Assist through the Civil Service centralised IT contract.
9. IT Assist provide all IT services for the Policing Board.
10. The Policing Board's IT contract is managed by the Finance and IT Manager.

If you have queries about this request or the decision please contact the Board quoting the reference number above. If you are unhappy with the service you have received and wish to make a complaint or request a review you should write to the Board's Chief Executive at the following address:

Northern Ireland Policing Board
Waterside Tower
31 Clarendon Road
Clarendon Dock
Belfast BT1 3BG

Email: foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot

investigate or make a decision on a case unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Board. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:-

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

Telephone: - 0303 1231114

Email: - ni@ico.org.uk

Please be advised that Policing Board replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.nipolicingboard.org.uk.

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.