

## FOI Request Response information

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| FOI request reference:     | 2016/307          |
| Date request received:     | 28/11/2016        |
| Date request responded to: | 06/12/2016        |
| Category:                  | Finance           |
| Tags:                      | Tender, companies |

### Request Detail:

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**The Trust does not record every company that bids, or expresses interest in all of our Tenders and Quotations – fundamentally the latter is completely out of scope of our record keeping (Quotations) and the former (Tenders) would be a considerable manual exercise to go back over 3 years to look at every tender to see who bid and also who expressed interest being of considerable difficulty, this would take longer than the recommended 18hrs under FOI Act.**
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**Please see detail above with regards to the time required to complete this FOI response, also to identify which are SME is both subjective – there is no firm indicator of what is or is not.**