

## **Freedom of Information – Response – 27080**

*I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding consultancy spending within Adult Social Care at Suffolk County Council.*

*Please could you provide the following information:*

*1. The total amount spent on external consultancy services specifically within Adult Social Care for each of the past five financial years (including 2020/21 through to the most recent available year).*

*2. A breakdown of this spending by:*

*o Consultancy firm or provider*

*o Specific service area within Adult Social Care (e.g. commissioning, safeguarding, transformation programmes)*

*o Purpose or nature of the consultancy work*

*3. Details of any individual consultancy contracts within Adult Social Care exceeding £25,000 during this period, including:*

*o Name of the consultancy provider*

*o Contract value*

*o Duration of the contract*

*o Brief description of the services provided*

*4. Information on the procurement routes used for these consultancy contracts (e.g. open tender, use of frameworks, direct awards).*

*For answers to questions 1 – 4, please find the attached spreadsheet.*

*5. Any internal reviews, audits, or reports produced in the past five years relating to the use, effectiveness, or value for money of consultancy within Adult Social Care.*

*The Council does not hold any internal reviews, audits, or reports produced within the past five years relating specifically to the use, effectiveness, or value for money of consultancy within Adult Social Care.*

*6. The names of any framework agreements or preferred supplier lists used by the council for procuring consultancy services in Adult Social Care.*

*Suffolk County Council (SCC) do not have a preferred supplier list for consultancy services in Adult Social Care but would consider using frameworks if appropriate for the type of consultancy services being procured. SCC uses several framework providers including but not limited to Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation, Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation and Government Commercial Agency (formally Crown Commercial Services).*

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