

Freedom of Information – Response – 27163

Please provide the following information relating to contracts commissioned by the Authority to third-party providers for service delivery.

For the purposes of this request, “third-party providers” includes private companies, charities, voluntary organisations, and social enterprises contracted to deliver services on behalf of the Authority.

1. Total Contracts

The total number of live contracts currently held by the Authority with third-party providers for commissioned services.

We can confirm that Suffolk County Council holds this information. However, the information is readily accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain.

Section 21 of the FOIA states that a public authority does not need to provide information under section 1 of the Act if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

Please use the link below to access the Council’s public contracts register:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/open-data-suffolk/council-data-and-transparency/council-expenditure-and-contracts/contracts-and-orders-over-5000>

2. Contracts Subject to Issues

Of these live contracts, please state how many are currently:

a) *Subject to a formal dispute between the Authority and the provider;*

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b) *Subject to a formal audit, investigation, or contract compliance review relating to service delivery, finances, safeguarding, or governance;*

Adult Social Care reply: All contracts are subject to regular contract compliance reviews and a three yearly PAMMS (Provider Assessment and Market Management Solution) formal assessment.

c) *Under notice of termination, early termination process, or notice of non-renewal prior to the contractual end date.*

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3. Service Areas

Where possible, please provide the number of contracts in each of the above categories broken down by service area, for example:

- *Children’s services*
- *Adult social care*
- *Early years / childcare provision*
- *Education services*
- *Housing or homelessness services*
- *Public health services*
- *Other commissioned community services*

Please refer to the answer given in question 1.

4. Early Years / Childcare Contracts

Separately, please confirm:

The total number of contracts or service agreements with early years or childcare providers (including nurseries, pre-schools, and childcare settings) commissioned or funded by the Authority;

Please refer to the answer given in question 1.

Of these, how many are currently subject to dispute, audit, investigation, or early termination notice.

No information is held to respond to this question.