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POLICE**

Response Date: 19/05/2026

2026/528 - Spend with the certain suppliers

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please provide the total ex-VAT figure that your force has spent with the following suppliers: Solon Security Ltd, JNE Security Ltd and CMCA (UK) Ltd, during the period of 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2026, broken down by financial year (April-March). Please also include a breakdown showing the specific items purchased, and the quantity and price of each item, that leads to the above totals.

If the requested breakdown is held in a different format that still meets the above requirements, please provide it in that format. Where exact item-level or supplier-level data is not held, please provide the most detailed information available and clearly state any limitations.

Solon:

£34,004.10 2025-2026
£42,721.64 2024-2025
£38,916.40 2023-2024
£105,852.64 2022-2023

JNE:

£28,996.28 2025-2026
£56,637.30 2024-2025
£28,472.64 2023-2024
£43,907.97 2022-2023

CMCA:

We do not have an account with this supplier therefore no spend.

Spend information for all crime prevention category items purchased which range from doorbells, window alarms, security stickers, personal alarms.

However, harm has been identified in providing you with the cost of each item purchased due to commercial sensitivity.

The exemption, as well as the factors considered when deciding where the public interest lies, are listed below:

Section 43 (2) Commercial Interests

This is a class-based exemption which means that the public authority must demonstrate that it is satisfied that to release the information would damage someone's commercial interests. It is also a

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qualified exemption which means that the public authority must consider the balance of the public interest in releasing the information against the public interest in withholding it.

Section 43 considerations

Contracts are awarded following a procurement process in which tenders are invited from interested parties. As one means of ensuring fairness in the process, parties do not know the details of any of the other parties' tenders. This includes the price at which services can be delivered at a granular level. To release the details of the costs of each individual item would be likely to harm that party's commercial interests.

Releasing specific supplier price information is likely to result in an unfair advantage to competitors in the tendering process. Competitors could potentially undercut any costs and gain favour in the cost element of a tendering process.

Public Interest Test

Factors Favouring Disclosure

There is a strong public interest in ensuring that public money is spent correctly and that North Wales Police, and therefore the tax payer, gets value for money when purchasing goods and services.

Release would also facilitate the accountability and transparency of North Wales Police for decisions taken by them in relation to contracts awarded so that they might be challenged.

Factors Favouring Non - Disclosure

Disclosure of any information regarding individual prices would make it less likely that companies or individuals would provide the North Wales Police with commercially sensitive information in the future and consequently undermine the ability of the North Wales Police to fulfil one of its roles of running fair tender competitions.

Companies compete by offering something different from their rivals and any difference will often be reflected in price. This may also relate to the quality or specification of the product/service they offer.

North Wales Police's commercial interests would be prejudiced if it released details of customers' tenders as disclosure of these would be likely to damage North Wales Police's business reputation and possibly the confidence that future customers and suppliers would have in it.

Balancing Test

There are factors which in general terms favour release of this information, however, the factors favouring non-disclosure are more specifically relevant. Releasing costs per item is not in the public interest as it would be likely to harm the process of future tenders. Prospective customers, who will include current service providers, expect to enter a tender on a level playing field and North Wales Police have a responsibility to ensure there is fair competition for public sector contracts. No release of information should be made under the Freedom of Information Act that will give one person a commercial advantage over another. The exemption under Section 43 (2) of the Act caters for this situation.

Therefore, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (1) of the legislation.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 18/05/2026