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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 19 October 2015. You made the following requests for information:

[Freedom of information request concerning the recently awarded DNA paternity test tender by CAF/CASS.](#)

[Are you able to disclose the price the winning provider entered in the original pricing?](#)

Please see below for our response.

Cafcass is unable to provide this, as information which is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person may be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, subject to a public interest test. Please see this exemption set out below.

It is considered that the release of this information would prejudice the commercial interests of our supplier, Eurofins/DNA Legal. We consider that the public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, in order to retain a service which provides the best value for money for Cafcass as a public authority.

Following the current contract's expiration, Cafcass will be able to disclose the relevant prices. Please note that the overall nominal contract value is £80,000 and the contract length has been set at one year with an option to extend another year.

[43 Commercial interests](#)

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1. Information is exempt information if it constitutes a trade secret.
2. Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).
3. The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice the interests mentioned in subsection (2).

We hope that you feel your question has been answered effectively. If you are unhappy with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may ask for an internal review to be undertaken. If you are dissatisfied with the way the internal review is handled or with the final decision made at that review about the information released, you are free to contact the Information Commissioner's office (www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk):

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