

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2021.949**  
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Thank you for your email received 9 September 2021 requesting information regarding payments.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

**Summary of your original request:**

***I am contacting you at the Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust to request payment data. I am requesting data about payments made by the Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust to external suppliers for purchases of goods and services between 2020-01-01 and 2020-12-31. I understand that information about items of spending over £25,000 is published on your website. I would like to request some complementary information, if possible. What I am requesting is a compiled list, ideally in Microsoft Excel format, of your external suppliers which contains the following variables:-The name of the supplier***

***-The supplier's VAT identification number***

***-The total amount paid to the supplier during the year 2020 for purchases of goods and services. The amounts can either be including or excluding VAT. This request only regards suppliers to whom the organisation has paid £5,000 or more during 2020. If information about any specific supplier is too sensitive to produce, feel free to remove it from any potential list.***

Information regarding transactions to suppliers is published on our website:

[What we spend and how we spend it | Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust \(kentcht.nhs.uk\)](https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/what-we-spend-and-how-we-spend-it)

This details all invoices broken down by year and by month; therefore this information is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 'information accessible to applicant by other means'. I have detailed below the relevant excerpt from the Act:

**Section 21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.**

- (1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—
- (a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and
- (b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

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