

**FOI Request: Commissioning Services**  
**Our Reference Number: 1314294**

**1. Thinking about all local services that your CCG has commissioned since April 2013, in how many instances did you use:**

**a, put out the service to full tender?**

There have been no full tenders where Southend CCG is the lead organisation.

But please note that some of the full tenders run by other CCGs are jointly procured for a number of CCG's, which include Southend. The Majority of these have been conducted through the Bravo e-Tendering System:

<https://centraleasterncsu.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

**b, put out to Any Qualified Provider?**

Under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a public authority does not have to provide information in response to a request when that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. All recent AQPs have been added to the Bravo System, therefore the information you have requested can be accessed using the link above.

**c, awarded on a discretionary basis in best interest of patients without full tender or AQP?**

None.

**2. Any additional comments on why you opted for these routes?**

Procurement routes followed are a combination of factors including estimated value, supply market, CCGs own SFIs, longer term plans for commissioning and procurement of services, NHS England guidance and UK Public Procurement Regulations and EU Procurement Directives.