

24 November 2023

Our Ref: FOI 203

Request

We received your request on 30 October 2023 for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would request you to respond to questions included in the attachment.

For any reason if you are unable to open the attachment do let me know. I can then send the questions within the email itself.

Please note: If you do not have records relating to the questions in the attachment, please pass on this request to your IT department to provide us with the required information.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Our response

Please see below details of our response in relation to the 3 separate questions requested:

Question1:

NIHE utilises access to a Northern Ireland Wide Enterprise Shared Services Agreement with a principle body called IT Assist. In doing so this means services are wrapped and shared across multiple Government sites and Departments and it is provided and managed by IT Assist.

I have included number below for the staff centric devices but the shared offering in terms of hosting and infrastructure is the responsibility of IT Assist.

Q1. Can you please list the number of devices deployed by your organisation for the following?	
Device Type	Number of Devices
Desktop PCs	420
Laptops	1,850
Mobile Phones	Circa 1300
Printers	<10
Multi Functional Devices (MFDs)	>100
Tablets	860
Physical Servers	0
Storage Devices (for example: NAS, SAN)	0
Networking Infrastructure (for example: Switches, Routers, Interfaces, Wireless Access Points)	0
Security Infrastructure (for example: Firewalls, Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS), Virus Monitoring Tools)	0

Question 2:

NIHE are in the middle of a ICT Strategy Development programme which is identifying ICT Goods and Service contracts. Once these have been established they will be advertised in line with Public Procurement Regulations and will appear on E tenders NI as separate CFTs.

Q2. Does your organisation have plans to procure any of the below services, if yes then please provide information in the below format?	Estimated/Total Cost	Duration
Example: Platform as a Service	1 million	2023/28
a. Cloud computing		
b. Software as a Service (SaaS)		
c. Platform as a Service (PaaS)		
d. Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)		
e. Anything as a Service (XaaS)		

Question 3:

As per Question 2 our Services listed below are procured through the Enterprise Shared Services agreement and will be advertised and procured at time of requirement in line with Public Procurement Regulations and will appear on E tenders NI as separate CFTs.

Q3. Does your organisation have any plans to procure the below services, if yes then please provide required information in the below format?	Estimated/Total Cost	Duration
Example: IoT security	0.5 million	2023/28
a. Network Security		
b. Cloud Security		
c. Endpoint Security		
d. Mobile Security		
e. IoT Security		
f. Application Security		

This concludes our response.