

Section 33 (1)(b) of the Act states that:

33 Commercial interests and the economy

(1) Information is exempt information if—

(b) its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially the commercial interests of any person (including, without

When information is released as the result of a freedom of information request it is technically released to the general public, and not just to the person or organisation making the information request. If ELC were to release this level of detail into the public domain, then it would have a potentially detrimental impact on the commercial interests of the service provider by proving advantageous to

Section 33(1)(b) is subject to the public interest test and can only be used to withhold information if the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. ELC recognises that it is in the public interest for information to be accessible and that as a local authority it is important that we are open and accountable, especially in relation to financial matters. However, we believe that the release of this information would compromise the tender process. If a service provider believes such information could fall into the hands of its competitors, it may result in much less

Care at Home Providers (all provide CaH to LD, ASD and MH client groups)

Action Group
Allied Healthcare
Ark Community Networks
Autism Initiative
Beyond Home Care
Call-In Homecare
Carr Gomm Scotland (Services)
Crossreach
Delight Supported Living
Elcap Care At Home Services
Enable Scotland
Hilton Nursing and Homecare
Link Living
McSence/ AHIEL
Mears Homecare
Penumbra
Poppy Homecare
Real Life Options
Scottish Autism Lothian And Borders Area Services
Supporting Positive Paths
The Brothers Of Charity Services
TRI Partnership
Upward Mobility
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