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Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: SCCL-FOI-2021-058**

Thank you for your FOI enquiry requesting information on category tower tenders as per your request outlined below. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and we are able to provide a reply to your request.

Supply Chain Coordination Limited (SCCL) confirms it holds the information requested, see responses below in blue against each request:

- a) For the financial year 2020/2021, what percentage of Category Tower tenders registered with NHS Supply Chain included the use of price thresholds above which suppliers would not be included on a framework.  
**15% of Category Tower tenders registered with NHS Supply Chain included the use of price thresholds above which suppliers would not be included on a framework.**
  
- b) For the financial year 2020/2021, what percentage of Category Tower tenders registered with NHS Supply Chain included the use of reverse e-auctions.  
**15% of Category Tower tenders registered with NHS Supply Chain included the use of reverse e-auctions.**
  
- c) For the financial year 2020/2021, what percentage of Category Tower tenders registered with NHS Supply Chain included the use of a single supplier award.  
**0% of Category Tower tenders registered with NHS Supply Chain included the use of a single supplier award.**

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the postal or e-mail addresses above, quoting the reference number above. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the handling of your information request will be reassessed by a member of SCCL staff who was not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

If you require any further information do not hesitate to contact the FOI team

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

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