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Dear

RE: SCCL-FOI-2022/23-65

Thank you for your FOI request received by the FOI office, requesting information on why Supply Chain Coordination Limited (SCCL) published Contract Award Notices on the 6th of April 2021 and 20th of January 2022 on Contracts Finder for the supply of goods and services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the above statements, the contract documents worth £71,500,000 have still not been published.

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. SCCL's response is below in blue to the questions you raised.

1. Why haven't the 2 contract documents been published by Supply Chain Coordination Limited on Contracts Finder?

There were no tender documents issued as there was no tender published. Due to the urgent circumstances to secure supply these items were purchased under Emergency Purchases under Regulation 32 (2) (c) of which the documents specific to those suppliers who supplied goods are commercially sensitive (e.g. Annex 1 – Record of Decisions for Emergency Purchases under Regulation 32 (2) (c)).

SCCL's business as usual process is to issue ITTs for framework agreements for a defined product group that is within SCCL's scope. The standard NHS terms and conditions and framework agreement templates are used. When the framework agreements are awarded, a contract award notice will be published. Due to the volumes of call off orders placed, a contract award notice will be published quarterly. Please find attached a copy of the terms and conditions.

2. Will Supply Chain Coordination Limited take action to publish these contract documents as soon as possible?

There are no contract documents required as no tender was published as explained in Q1.

Supply Chain Coordination Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. Registered number: 10881715.

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3. Have all other contract documents for all historical covid-related contracts issued by Supply Chain Coordination Limited been published on Contracts Finder? If not, why not?

As explained in Q1, there are no contract documents to be published.

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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