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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: SCCL-FOI-2024/25-045

Thank you for your FOI request received by the FOI office for the following information. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and SCCL are able to provide a response below in blue:

- I am requesting the following information in an electronic format, preferably as spreadsheets:
 - A list of all companies (including names, their locations, and whether they are current NHS England suppliers, and whether they are current Supply Chain Coordinated Limited suppliers) used to create 'Table 4: 5 highest risk products and their supplier locations' from the following report:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-risk-of-modern-slavery-and-human-trafficking-in-the-nhs-supply-chain/review-of-risk-of-modern-slavery-and-human-trafficking-in-the-nhs-supply-chain>

SCCL does not hold this information.

Table 4 in the report relates to a set of product groups that were deemed higher risk, based on the risks identified using the methodology outlined in the report. The table assumes that the product groups and materials ranked as a high risk by the Social Responsibility Alliance are most likely to come either from countries of higher risk in the Global Slavery Index or were listed in the USA's Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor.

To clarify table 4 was created by product area NOT individual NPC Codes.

SCCL used a supply chain mapping tool to gather the information from suppliers on locations. This was done under a confidentiality agreement and therefore exempt from disclosure under section 43(2) (Commercial Interests) of the FOI Act 2000. This provides that information can be withheld where disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

-A list of the subcontractors for each of those suppliers and subcontractor locations
SCCL does not hold this information.

-An explanation for why each of the products in this table are deemed "highest risk"

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These were deemed as highest risk based on the risk methodology outlined in the report, in that the products had been ranked as a high risk by the Social Responsibility Alliance, are most likely to come from countries of higher risk in the Global Slavery Index or were listed in the USA's Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor.

We hope that this response addresses your request. However, 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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