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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: SCCL-FOI-2024/25-047

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 in blue below:

- Reference: NHSSC Ambient Food Framework

In relation to your Framework for Ambient Food provision, please provide the following information:

1. Schedule / specification of the products covered by your Framework, broken down by advertised Lots (if any)
[Please see attached document.](#)
2. Confirmation that the supplier is/is not responsible for sourcing of the products in addition to storage/distribution.
[SCCL does not hold this data.](#)
3. Details of any specific product manufacturers/suppliers/wholesalers required to be used as part of service delivery.
[The route to market advertised as part of this procurement was through the transacted route this means that the suppliers are required to deliver to the NHS Supply Chain depot locations across the UK where the product is stored, picked, and then transported to various NHS Trusts throughout England. SCCL manage the distribution network.](#)
4. Details of the range of frequency of deliveries, endpoint locations (if any stipulated) and details of any specific packaging/transportation requirements (cages etc.).
[Transportation of all ambient products is on ambient temperature controlled vehicles, primarily in cages, although some trusts due to geographical requirements do take pallets.](#)
5. Details of any minimum stock-levels (by product) that need to be held by the Supplier (if any)
[The logistics and commercial function does not stipulate any requirements on the supplier of the products to hold stock.](#)
6. Length of the Contract (in months)
[Initial term 24 months with the option to extend for a further 24 months \(48 months in total\)](#)

7. Implementation period i.e., time from Contract Award to first deliveries (in months)
Various between contract award 24th June 2021 and the Framework go live on the 25th October 2021, deliveries would have commenced on or around the 25th of October.
8. Length of any transition period at the end of the contract to another provider (in months)
N/A
9. Details of the winning suppliers (by Lot)
This data is already available to the public, please see Contract Award Notice: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/016150-2021?origin%25>

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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