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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: SCCL-FOI-2022/23-68

Thank you for your FOI request received by the FOI office, requesting information on the 'referral' of companies into the PPE 'High Priority Lane, against each of the six suppliers; Hotel Logistics Ltd, Ideal Medical Solutions, Invisio, Rehear Labs, Sanaclis and Summit Medical.

Three out of the six suppliers you listed have a confirmed 'Actual Referrer' as per the [web link](#) you provided. These are:

- Invisio Ltd (referral: PPE Buy team).
- Sanaclis (referral: Andy Wood, Cabinet Office).
- Summit Medical Ltd (referral: Direct approach).

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) response is below in blue to the questions you raised.

Q1. The name of any third party, MP, Peer, or Minister who referred these companies to the SCCL?

SCCL does not hold this information as the suppliers listed above were not referred to SCCL by any third party, MP, Peer, or Minister.

Q2. SCCL are named by the DHSC as the 'source of referral' please can you confirm who the SCCL then referred these offers too within government? i.e. the name of any Minister, MP, Civil Servant, etc.

Following the outbreak of the pandemic, many suppliers contacted SCCL with offers to supply products. The suppliers listed above were part of a larger list sent to Baringa, a management consultancy, who as we understood would be sending the list to the Cabinet Office. At the time SCCL had no knowledge that information was being sent for any PPE High Priority Lane.

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

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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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