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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: SCCL-FOI-2024/25-183

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:

- During what time period were the 36,446 stethoscopes purchased? If they were purchased in 2023 and 2024, could you share a breakdown by year?
[1 January 2024 to 30 January 2025.](#)
- During what time period was £205,009 spent on stethoscopes? If purchased in 2023 and 2024, could you share a breakdown by year?
[1 January 2024 to 30 January 2025.](#)
- Were the 36,446 stethoscopes purchased from the list of suppliers provided in Section 3, or were they purchased directly from the manufacturers of the stethoscopes? Is it possible to know from which specific suppliers the stethoscopes were purchased from?
[Yes, the 36,446 stethoscopes were purchased from the list of suppliers provided in Section 3 on FOI response 175. SCCL are unable to provide the information regarding the breakdown of which specific suppliers the stethoscopes were purchased from as it is 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 \(including the public authority holding it\).](#)

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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