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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: SCCL-FOI-2025/26-024

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:

1. Clarification on when that criterion became one suppliers had to meet to participate in your tenders.
[February 2024.](#)
2. The number of suppliers in the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 that were unable to complete and maintain an up-to-date MSAT.
[SCCL does not hold a record of the number of suppliers who were unable to complete and maintain an up-to-date MSAT. To meet your request would require the production of a new record from a variety of data sources. Public organisations are not obliged to create new data to answer requests, which is what would have to be done on this occasion if we were to answer your request as it is framed. If we were to do so we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection \(Appropriate Limit and Fees\) Regulations 2004, as we would need to analyse all the individual procurement activities that have been undertaken during the period requested which would exceed the 18-hour time limit. Therefore, the record you request is not held.](#)
3. A list of suppliers in the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 that were unable to complete and maintain an up-to-date MSAT.
[SCCL does not hold a record of suppliers who were unable to complete and maintain an up-to-date MSAT. To meet your request would require the production of a new record from a variety of data sources. Public organisations are not obliged to create new data to answer requests, which is what would have to be done on this occasion if we were to answer your request as it is framed. If we were to do so we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection \(Appropriate Limit and Fees\) Regulations 2004, as we would need to analyse all the individual procurement activities that have been undertaken during the period requested which would exceed the 18-hour time limit. Therefore, the record you request is not held.](#)

4. For each of the suppliers in (2), please clarify whether their inability to provide an up-to-date MSAT was the reason they were rejected a chance to participate in your tenders.
[SCCL does not hold this information.](#)
5. If any of the suppliers in (2) were given a chance to participate in your tenders, despite not meeting the above criterion, please clarify why.
[SCCL does not hold this information.](#)

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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