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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: SCCL-FOI-2025/26-126

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. On page 4 of your 2024/25 annual report, you say “An independent internal audit, conducted by the company's third-party auditors, has verified both prior year savings performance and underlying methodology is in line with the NHS methodology.” I would like a copy of that audit report.

Please see attached [SCCL_202425_ASR Report_Final_Report](#). SCCL has determined that the report is commercially sensitive but after considering the Public Interest Test has decided to release the Executive Summary from the report. SCCL is unable to provide the remainder of the report 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).

It is acknowledged that the statutory exemption provided by section 43 of the FOIA requires SCCL to consider the public interest for and against disclosure of the requested information. SCCL has considered the public interest arguments for and against disclosure of information to which the exemption provided by section 43 of the FOIA applies.

In conclusion, notwithstanding the strong public interest in public authorities ensuring accountability and transparency, the following public interest factor applies in the case of the requested information covered by section 43 of the FOIA. SCCL, contracting NHS Trusts and third-party contracting bodies have legitimate commercial interests in ensuring that the terms by which they are able to operate are optimal.

It is not in the public interest to prejudice any of SCCL/NHS Supply Chain and relevant NHS Trusts commercial interests at the expense of disclosure which is likely to damage commercial interests and adversely impact on our ability to run our business. However, we have determined that release of the executive summary strikes a balance between the public interest in SCCL's savings and our commercial interests in terms of competitors' knowledge of our business.

2. The sum of money you received via NHS England from the top-slice applied to NHS trusts and foundation trusts in 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25. I'd also like the projected total you will receive in 2025/26.

[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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