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Dear S Hogarth

Freedom of Information – Response to Request

Thank you for your request for information relating to Exemptions to Contract Regulations - EU Threshold received on 15 May 2012 which has now been considered.

You requested: Could you please tell me how many contracts that exceeded the EU threshold for public procurement, £173,934, were exempted from contract regulations under the authority's contract regulations exemptions procedures?

On 16 May 2012 you provided the following clarification:

Could you please provide me with data for the last five years?

Our response:

On the 1st April 2009 the seven district councils and the county council merged to become one new unitary authority. The former district councils were responsible for their own procurement activity and were governed by their own Contract Procedure Rules and Constitution.

We are therefore unable to provide information for the former district councils prior to local government reorganisation.

We have provided information since the inception of the Unitary Authority in April 2009.

Since 1st April 2009 24 contracts exceeded the EU threshold for public procurement.

I hope that this information is of assistance; however, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, please contact:

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Yours sincerely

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