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Dear Gabby Dunne

Request pursuant to Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request No. 13372

I refer to your recent enquiry for information held by the Council. Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, the authority must state whether or not the information exists and I confirm that we do hold the information you requested.

Please find the information you requested set out below, in red.

Q1 - Has your organisation ever suffered a cyber security incident through a third-party provider; that is, an attack which infiltrated your IT systems through an outside partner, provider or vendor? **A1 - No**

If yes, did this occur within the last 12 months? **n/a, see A1.**

Q2 - Do you have a list of all the third parties that your organisation shares sensitive data with? **A2 - Yes**

Q3 - In terms of cyber security governance processes, do you have clear criteria that third parties - suppliers or those in which there are dependencies within the supply chain - must comply with in order to do business with them? **Yes**

If yes, please indicate all that apply:

- Suppliers must assure their cyber security against the HMG Cyber Security Standard
- Suppliers must demonstrate that they hold a valid Cyber Essentials Certificate.
- Suppliers must demonstrate compliance with the Payment Card Industry (PCI) DSS standard
- Other: please indicate:

A3 - Depending on the supplier's provided accreditation, any of the above and/or the NCSC Cloud Security Principles.

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Q4 - How often do you reassess third party or suppliers' security measures to ensure they still meet the minimum criteria?

- At least every 12 months
- At least every 2 years
- More than every 2 years.
- We don't reassess

A4 - At contract renewal, depending on service provided this can occur between 12 months and 3 years.

Q5 - Have you revisited these requirements to ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)?

A5 - Yes

Q6 - Do you have policies in place for privileged access management?


A6 - Yes

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Yours sincerely



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