

By email to: [REDACTED]

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Date: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act**

Thank you for your email into the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) dated 20 June 2025 for which we gave the case reference number: [REDACTED]. Your email has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("**FOIA**").

Your email outlined the following request ("**your Request**"):

***"Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (â€œFOIAâ€™)"***

***Information on late payment***

*This is a request under FOIA for details of instances in which Human Tissue Authority (including, where applicable, any agencies, bodies, or units for which it is ultimately responsible for supplier payments) has failed to pay its suppliers on time, thereby causing liabilities for late payment compensation and/or interest on late payments to be incurred for the public purse.*

*As the Government has made clear, late payment remains a significant issue for business and a drag on the UK economy as a whole. It is clear that, despite what the law says, many suppliers have not received timely payment or the interest and compensation for late payment to which they are entitled by statute.*

*Public authorities must keep information on payment in order to comply with their legal obligations, and there is a public interest in ensuring both compliance and that unpaid interest and compensation is recovered from public authorities. If proper records are kept as they ought to be, then information in this respect ought readily to be available.*

*The information requested below is not confidential, and its disclosure under FOIA is not capable of adversely affecting any partyâ€™s commercial interests. This is because this request is aimed at data about late payment liabilities that have in fact*

*arisen: the disclosure of this data cannot cause any additional liability to arise. We therefore do not anticipate any reasonable grounds for refusing this request.*

*In any event, there is strong public interest in transparency about these matters. Relevant factors in this respect include: enhancing public understanding and scrutiny of issues of significant importance to stewardship of the public purse and to economic growth; facilitating an informed debate about compliance by your authority with its contractual obligations and with Government policy; helping businesses that suffer from late payment (many of which are small and medium-sized enterprises), and encouraging improvements in payment practices by public authorities such as yours.*

### **Request**

*With the above points in mind, we request under FOIA that you provide, (preferably in Microsoft Excel or an equivalent machine-readable format) the following information in respect of suppliers which were not paid in within 30 days for the period starting 1 April 2022 to the date of this request:*

- 1. Supplier Name*
- 2. Invoice Date*
- 3. Gross Invoice Value*
- 4. Payment Date*
- 5. Late Payment Compensation or Interest Paid (if any)"*

### **Response**

Please see attached Excel Sheet called [REDACTED].

### **Further information**

We hope you found the above response to your Request clear and helpful. If you are unhappy with the way the HTA has handled your request for information in this case, or if you disagree with how we have interpreted FOIA in answering your Request, you may in the first instance ask us for an internal review by writing to us at the above postal or email address, within two months of this reply, specifying that you would like an Internal Review to be carried out.

Any internal review of the HTA's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response.

Please remember to quote the case reference number above in any future communications.

If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you have the right to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision, at the address below. There is no charge for making an appeal.

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

**Freedom of Information Officer**

| Supplier Name   | Document Type    | Invoice Date | Payment Date | Gross Invoice Value | Late payment c |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|
| EVERYTHINGISCON | Purchase Invoice | 09/05/2022   | 24/08/2022   | 3,691.90            | 0.00           |
| BCC             | Purchase Invoice | 27/04/2022   | 15/09/2022   | 882                 | 0.00           |
| BCC             | Purchase Invoice | 30/06/2022   | 15/09/2022   | 882                 | 0.00           |
| VODAFONE        | Purchase Invoice | 19/07/2022   | 14/10/2022   | 588.6               | 0.00           |
| VODAFONE        | Purchase Invoice | 22/08/2022   | 14/10/2022   | 625.58              | 0.00           |
| SOFTCAT         | Purchase Invoice | 06/09/2022   | 03/11/2022   | 2,343.17            | 0.00           |
| BLAKEMORGAN     | Purchase Invoice | 29/07/2022   | 03/11/2022   | 976.8               | 0.00           |
| BCC             | Purchase Invoice | 01/11/2022   | 13/12/2022   | 122.54              | 0.00           |
| CQC             | Purchase Invoice | 27/03/2024   | 02/05/2024   | 4,837.51            | 0.00           |
| BCC             | Purchase Invoice | 03/06/2024   | 11/07/2024   | 1,033.42            | 0.00           |