Our Ref: UKSBS-FOI25-26-049

22 September 2025

Dear

Thank you for your email of 18 August 2025 in which you requested the following information:

> I would like to request the supplier spend data for UK Shared Business Services Ltd.
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> Specifically, we are looking for:
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> Suppliers' payment/spend data from Sep'24 to the most recent months.
> Payments to suppliers over £500 or over £25,000, depending on your publication thresholds
> Ideally in Excel or CSV format, if available.
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> If any of the requested data is already publicly available or published online, a direct link would be greatly appreciated.
> Please let me know if any clarification is needed to process this request. We're happy to adjust the scope if required.

Your request was handled under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

RESPONSE DETAILS:

I can confirm that UKSBS holds some of the information you have requested. Please find our responses below:

Spreadsheet with the supplier payment spend data have been provided for the date ranges of September 2024 – May 2025.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires UKSBS, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt), to provide you, the requestor, with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

Some of the information you requested, including supplier spend and payment data from July-August 2025, is exempt from disclosure under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as it is information intended for future publication.

Section 22(1) states that information is exempt if:

- The public authority holds the information with the intention of publishing it at some future date.

As Section 22 is a qualified exemption, we have carried out a Public Interest Test to determine if public interest aligns with the release of this information. We recognise the public interest in transparency around supplier spending. However, we believe, in this instance, this is outweighed by our responsibility to produce and retain accurate spending records, which would be adversely affected by releasing this information whilst we are collating these records. We are therefore applying the relevant exemption to this information.

At present, we do not have a confirmed publication date, but it is our intention to publish this information as soon as it is ready.

If you would like to be notified when it is published, please let us know.

I hope this information is of assistance.

If you are dissatisfied with the above response, you have a right to request a review of your Freedom of Information request. Details of the complaints and review procedure are appended to this letter.

Yours sincerely

UKSBS Freedom of Information Team

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