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Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Supplier Information Security

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

I'm carrying out research, which we intend to publish, into how UK public-sector organisations approach supplier information security. To that end, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would be grateful for the following, regarding your procurement / supplier-onboarding processes:

1. **Do you require suppliers (or prospective suppliers) to complete an information-security questionnaire or assessment as part of procurement, onboarding, or due diligence?**

   This depends in the contract. However, if it is ICT related, yes.

2. **If so, please provide a blank copy of the questionnaire(s) currently in use, noting any standard it references (e.g. Cyber Essentials, ISO/IEC 27001, NIST).**

   a. **Where will the data be held, needs to stay in the UK or EU**

   b. **Do you have Business continuity and DR plan**

   c. **How will the data be protected from Cyber-attacks, what are your Cyber accreditation's (ISO27001\Cyber Essentials Plus)**

   d. **How is your data in Transit protected**

   Not applicable.

3. **Separately, do you require suppliers (or prospective suppliers) to hold Cyber Essentials, or an equivalent information-security certification, as a condition of doing business with you? If so, which certification(s)? (If this applies only in certain cases — for example above a contract-value threshold — a brief note is welcome, but not necessary.)**

   Again, depends on the contact. However, in relation to any ICT related projects, yes, they need either ISO27001 or Cyber Essentials Plus.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly, our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
Derry BT48 7NN
Tel: 028 71253253 or email: john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

I would however advise that the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

Kevin O'Connor
Head of Business