

Annex C

PUBLIC INTEREST TEST			
Request Ref:	DoF/2026-0276 CPD		
Request summary:	In each of the last five years, please list all procurement projects that included social clauses, the nature of the social clause and if it was carried out as agreed		
Information details:	Exemption applied	Disclosure	Non-disclosure
		(Please complete both columns to show all factors have been considered)	
Titles of Procurement Contracts	Section 38 (1) (b) Health and Safety. Information is exempt if its disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, would or would be likely to endanger the safety of any individual.	- To show compliance with the FOI Act by disclosing information held by the Department as a Public Authority; - There is a general public interest in the accountability, openness and transparency of government, and to promote public understanding - Any further reasons why disclosure of this specific information would be in the public interest	- The release of the information may endanger the safety of any individual due to the severe terror threat in Northern Ireland to those working in and for the Department of Justice, PSNI and its associated bodies, including third party contractors. - There is a strong public interest in protecting the safety of individuals within organisations tendering for and delivering services for the Department of Justice, PSNI and their associated bodies, who might be put at risk if details of the Contractors became public knowledge. - The release of such information might deter others from accepting such responsibilities in the future and this would impair the ability of Her Majesty's Government to discharge its responsibilities for public safety and the defence of the United Kingdom.
PUBLIC INTEREST DECISION: After weighing up the competing public interest considerations, we consider it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information held should be withheld from disclosure. Disclosure would or would be likely to endanger the safety of individuals within the tendering organisation due to the terror threat in Northern Ireland for those delivering services for the Department of Justice, PSNI and their associated bodies. The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.			

