

consumables, library services, catering supplies, externally provided professional services, marketing and business travel.

The suppliers who we directly purchase from are known as our 1^{st} tier suppliers. These 1^{st} tier suppliers, in turn, trade with their own supply chains (at the 2^{nd} tier, 3^{rd} tier and so on) to be

Furniture contract

Our contract for office furniture was also competed this year using a North Eastern Universities Purchasing Consortium framework agreement (this is a tender process with a closed group of tenderers). This was a medium risk contract with regard to slavery given there is the potential for risks occurring within the supply chain of materials which are subsequently used in the assembly of furniture products.

Many of the suppliers involved in this process were not subject to the Modern Slavery Act themselves (due to being below the £36m minimum turnover threshold) so a proportionate approach was again taken. This involved inserting

technology equipment and supply contract for a broad range of ICT hardware. This combined contract will have a value which would plac