

Can open data improve public procurement?

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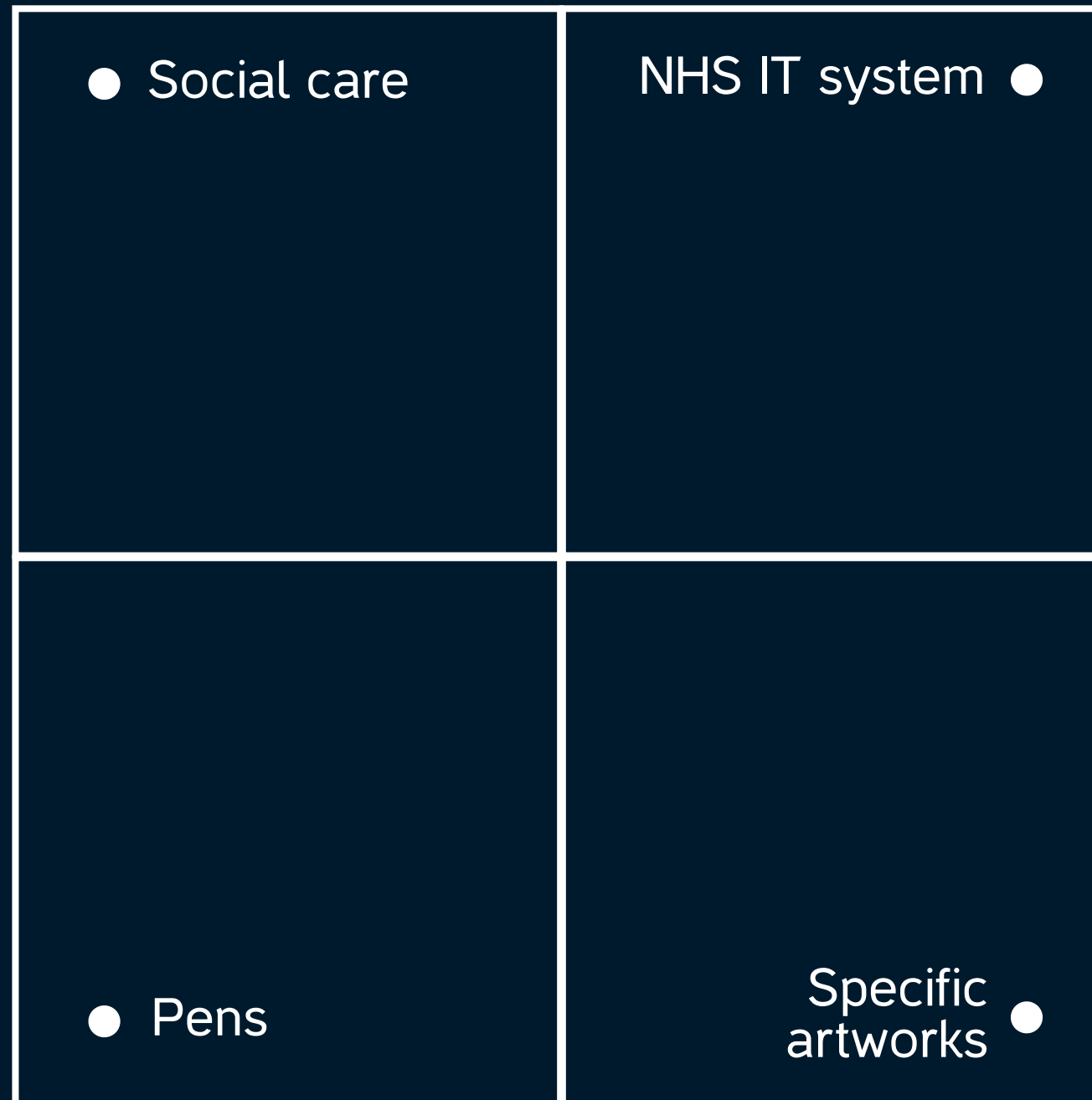
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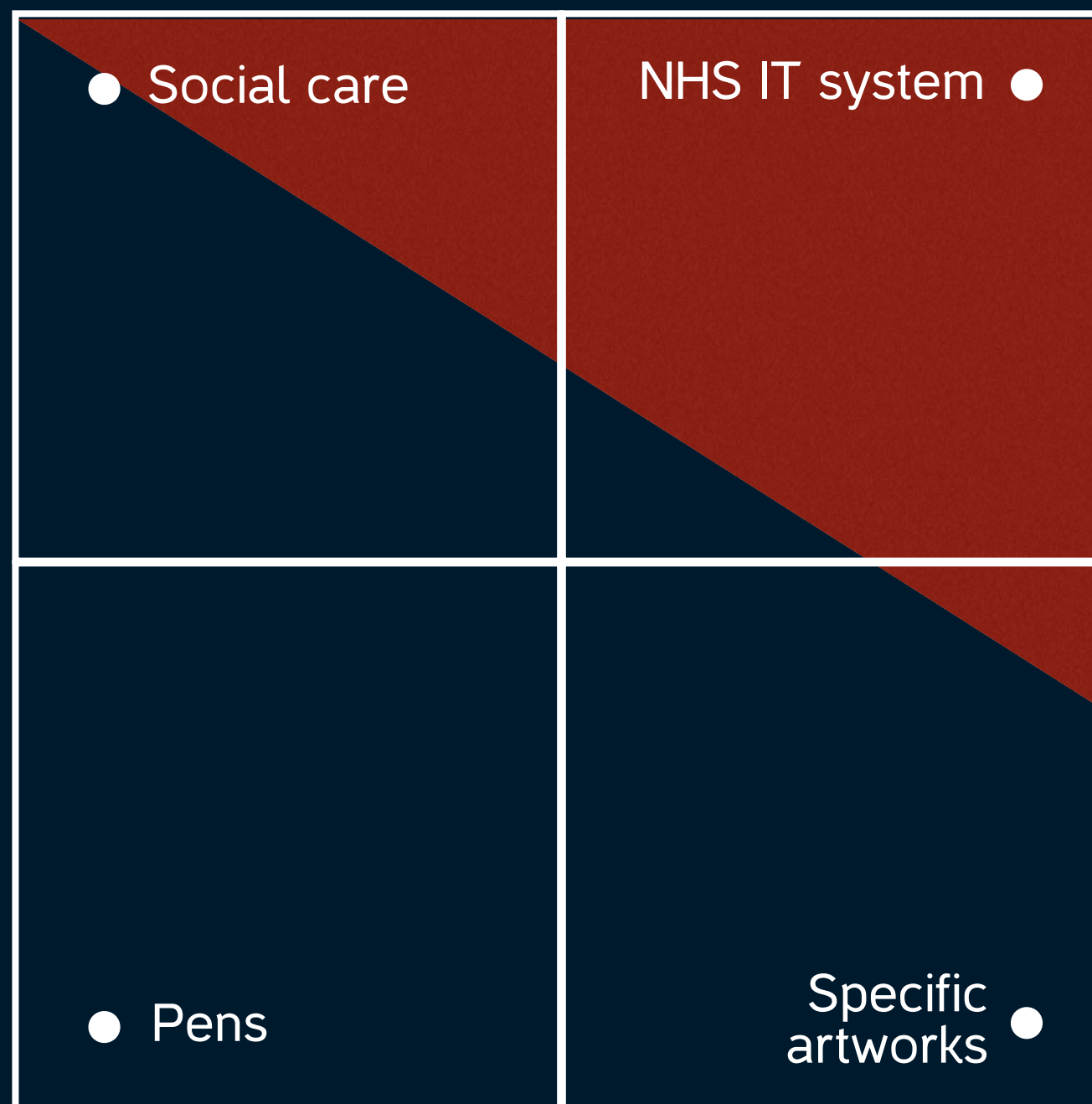
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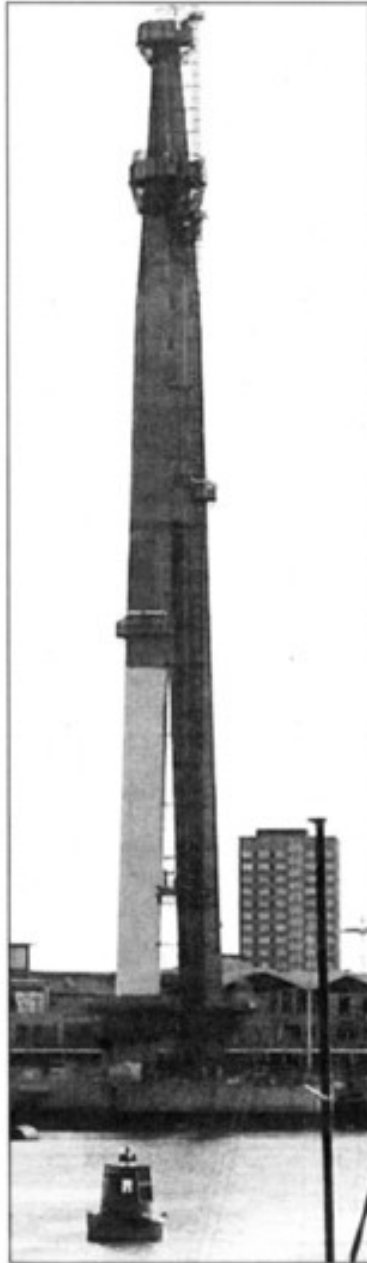
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So how do you go from
'complex' and 'infrequent'
to
'routine' and 'frequent'?

FINANCE: Lawyer's report quells worries over compensation for late completion of harbour landmark



Soaring skywards ... but will tower be finished in time?

City won't have to pay back £3m gift

by David Maddox
Political editor

DEMANDS for £3m by the developers of Gunwharf because of the Tower project's late finish have been dismissed by Portsmouth City Council.

But the council still may have to pay compensation to developer Berkeley Homes.

The argument started last month when Berkeley chairman Tony Pidgley told city council chief executive Nick Gurney that the company could ask for the return of £3m it paid out to help fund the tower.

He said the council had broken an agreement to complete the tower by December 31.

A preliminary report from London-based lawyer Robert Clay has found that the £3m gift was not connected to any completion date – only to the start date, when the money was duly handed over.

He suggested that the council may find it has to pay out compensation over the late fin-



Cash gave access to Gunwharf

THE £3m from Berkeley was given after the company decided not to build the landmark, vital to the regeneration of Portsmouth Harbour. It was agreed as part of negotiations

over the council objecting to a special order which allowed Berkeley to build on transport routes and waterways. Without the order from the Transport and Works Act

Berkeley could not build in Gunwharf. The council put in the objection after the company decided not to build the tower – saying Berkeley was going back on its agreement.

ish – but the figure would be nowhere near £3m.

The report has not entirely satisfied the ruling Liberal Democrats, who believe there are still questions to answer.

Councillor Mike Hancock, the cabinet member in charge of economic development on the city council, said: 'This is only a preliminary report and Mr Clay still needs to see some more papers.'

'I'm glad that we appear to have a case we can fight in court, but we will have to wait for Berkeley's next move.'

'However, Mr Clay has raised some other issues over the completion date and it

looks now as if we will have to go cap in hand to Berkeley again, which is not good.'

Labour leader Leo Madden said the report vindicated his handling of the tower negotiations.

'It is clear that we did not make any mistakes in the negotiations,' he said.

'I'm very pleased we have had this outside advice vindicating us.'

Angry Conservative leader Councillor Frank Worley, who also came under fire when the panic set in over the £3m, said the Lib Dems should apologise.

'They clearly whipped this

up to score political points,' he said.

'If they had listened to our officers' advice they would have found out there was never any suggestion that we would have to pay anything back.'

Mr Pidgley has refused to comment on the issue.

The News is demanding the resignation of Leo Madden and Frank Worley from the leadership of their groups.

They were both leaders of the entire council at key moments in the tower's troubled past, but have refused to accept any responsibility for the saga.

Bloomberg News

Security Firm Sued for Fraud by U.S. Over Background Checks (2)

By Joe Schneider | January 23, 2014



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United States Investigations Services LLC, whose background checks helped National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden and Washington Navy Yard shooter Aaron Alexis get security clearances, was accused of fraud by the government in a whistle-blower lawsuit.

The U.S. joined the case in October and filed its complaint yesterday, accusing the company of breaking its contract with the U.S. by failing to provide adequate background checks in at least 665,000 instances. The government claims mirror those of the whistle-blower in the case made public last year.

The case doesn't involve the background investigations of either Snowden or Alexis, a Justice Department official who wasn't authorized to speak publicly on the case

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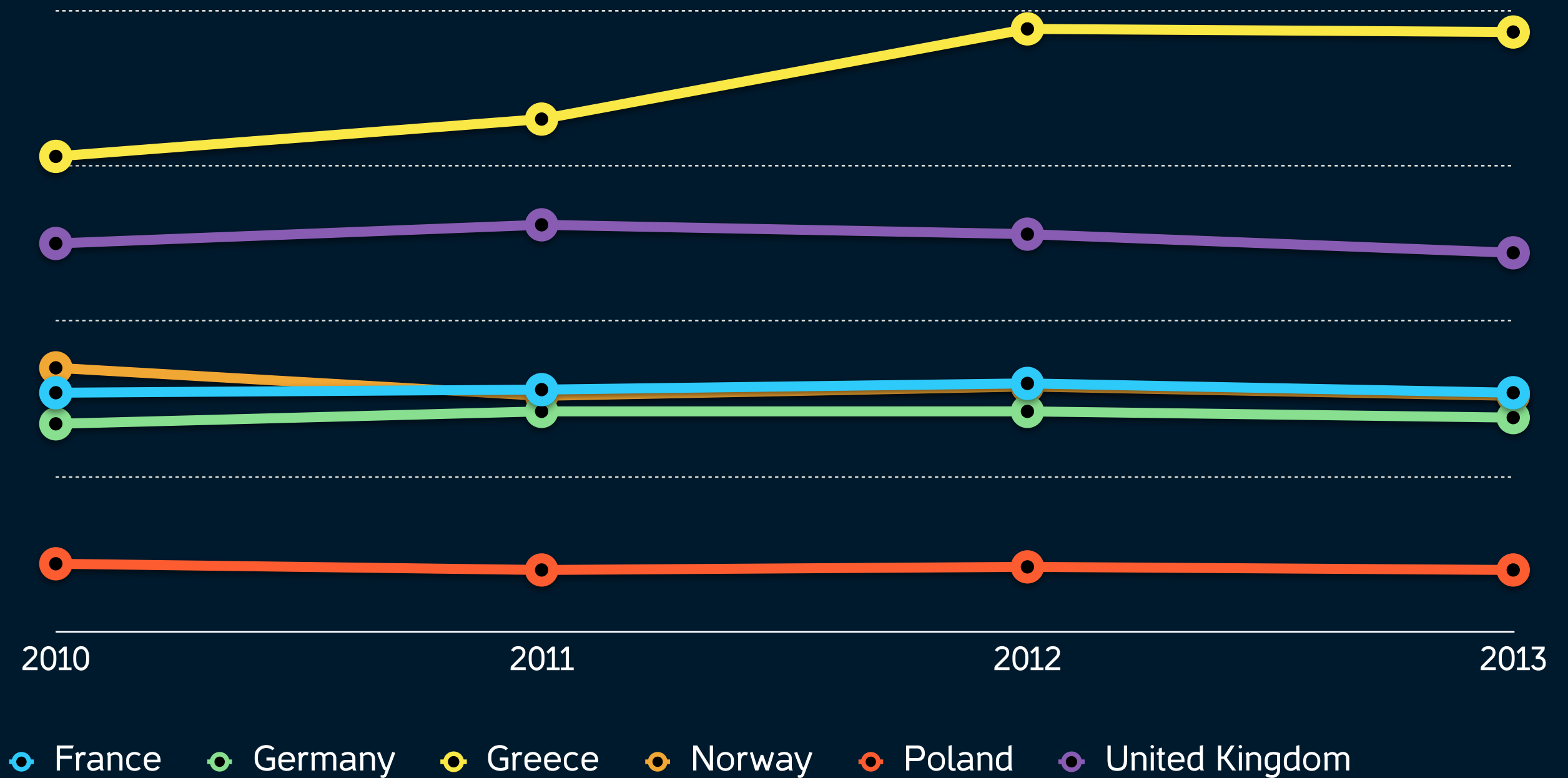
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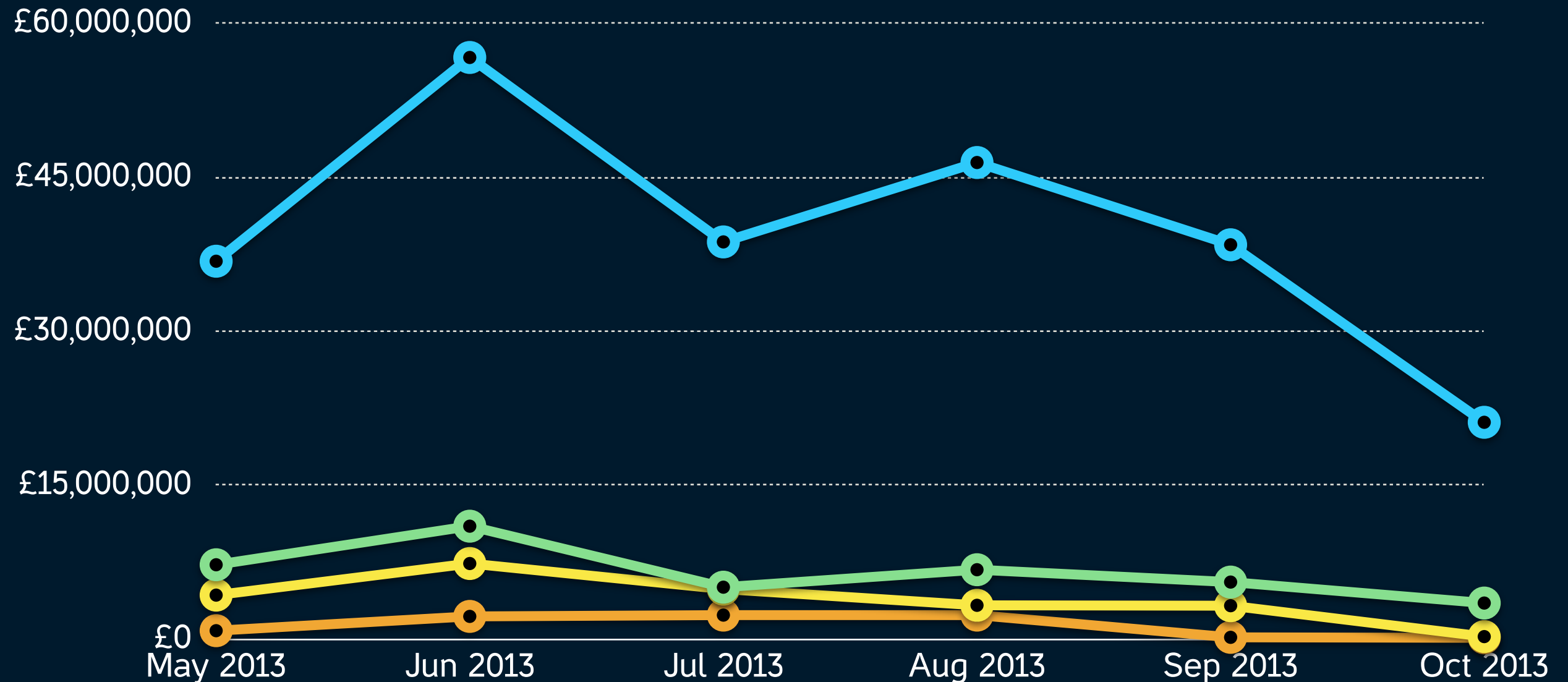
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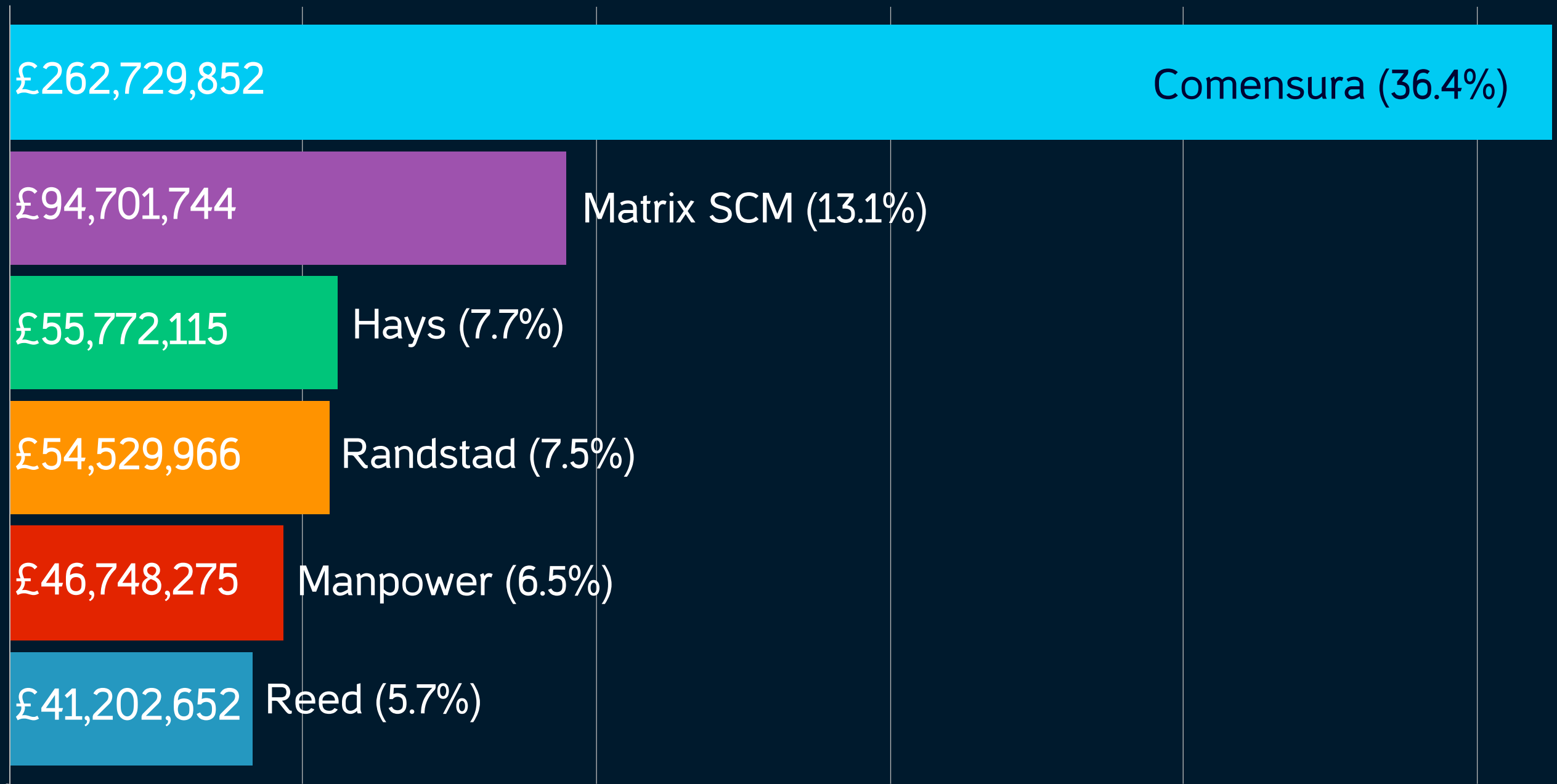


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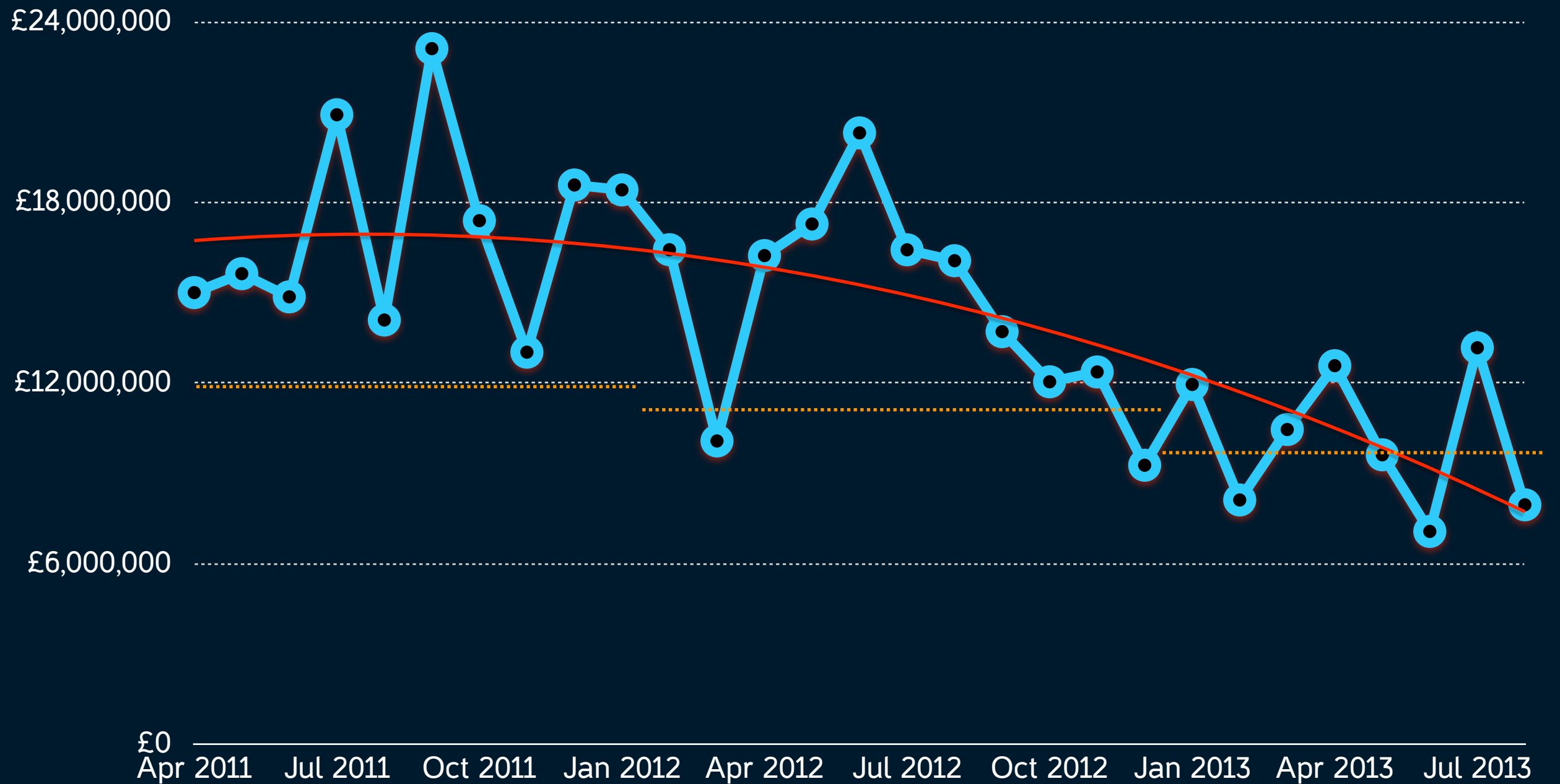


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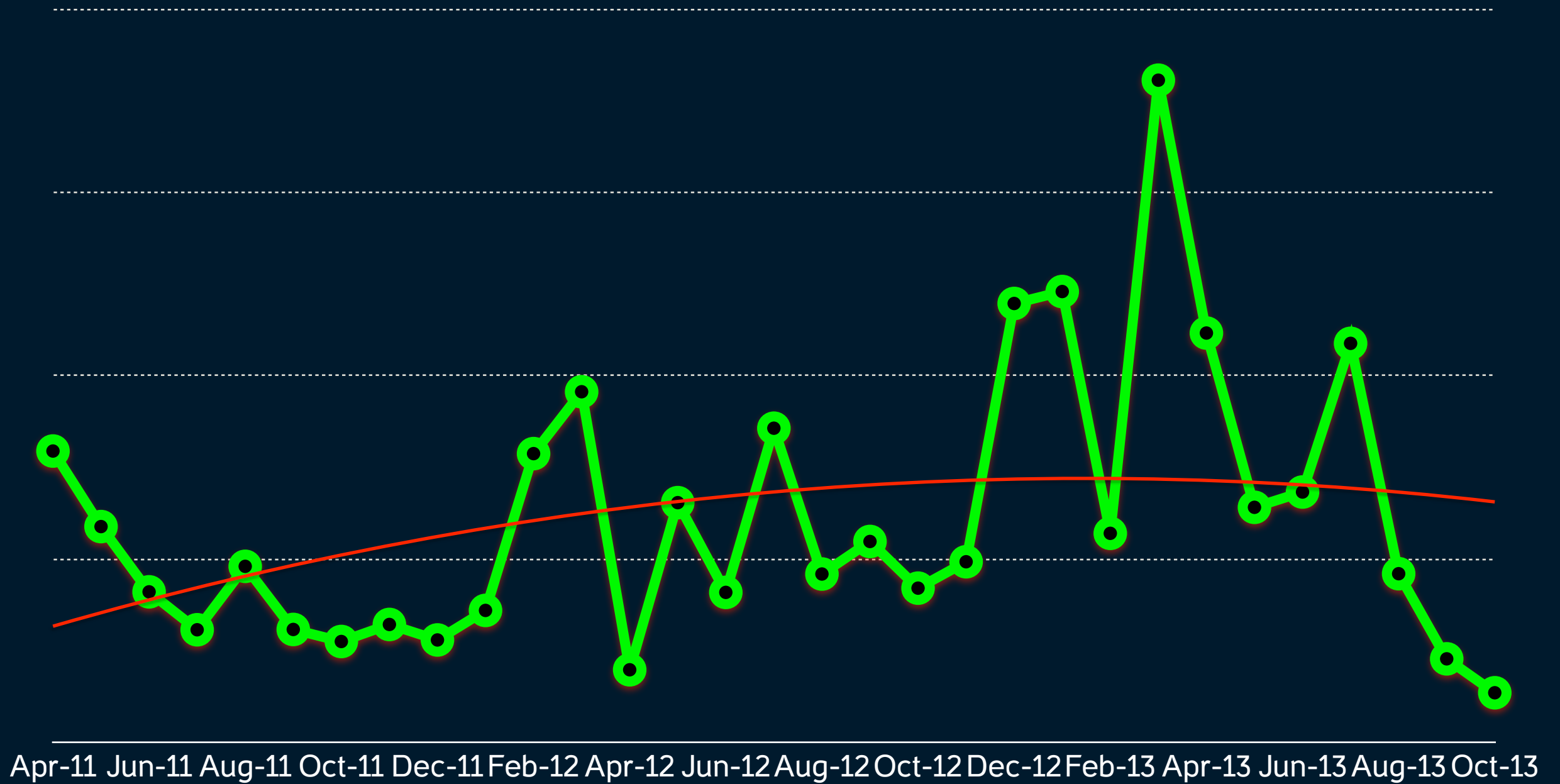
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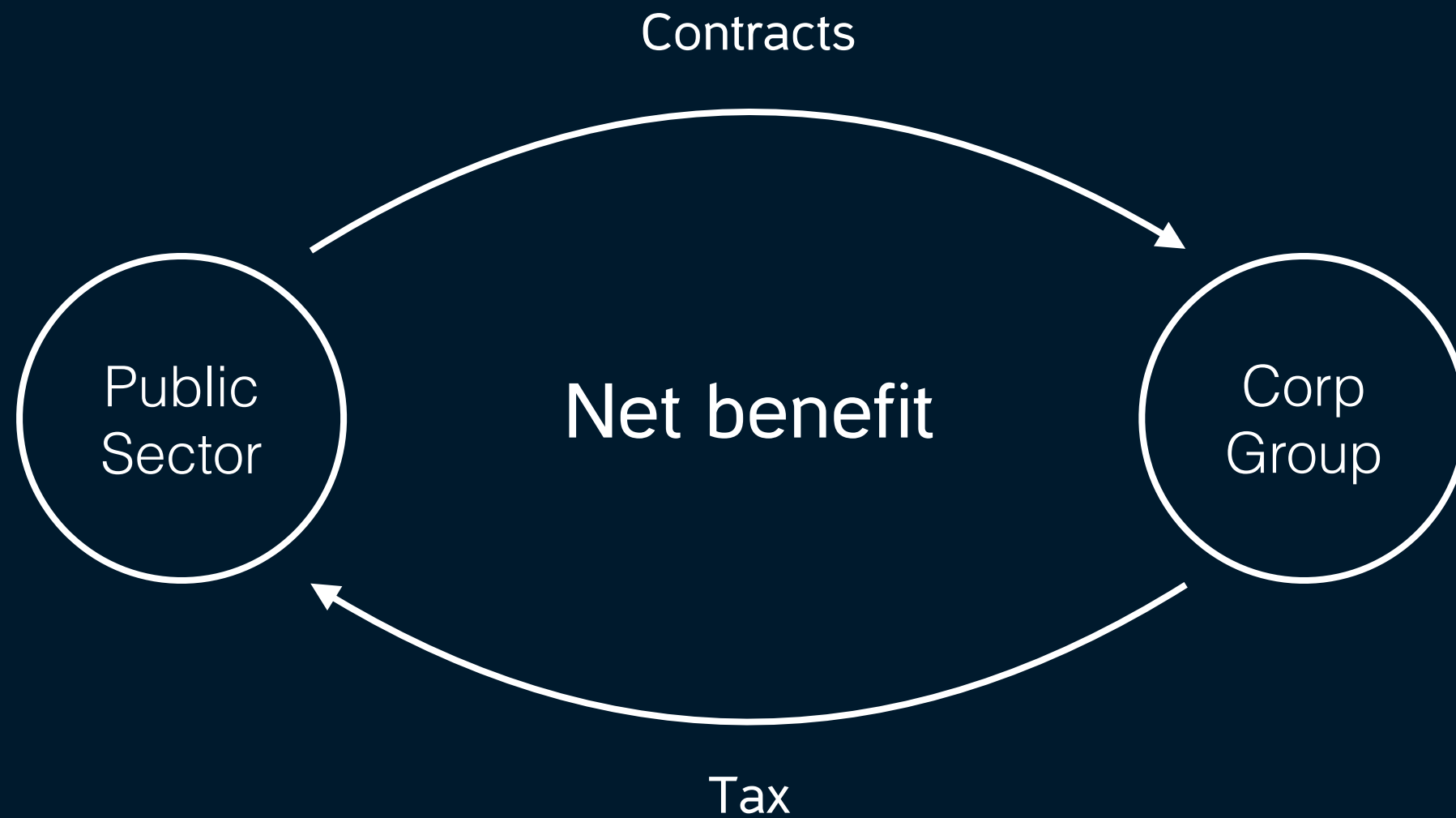
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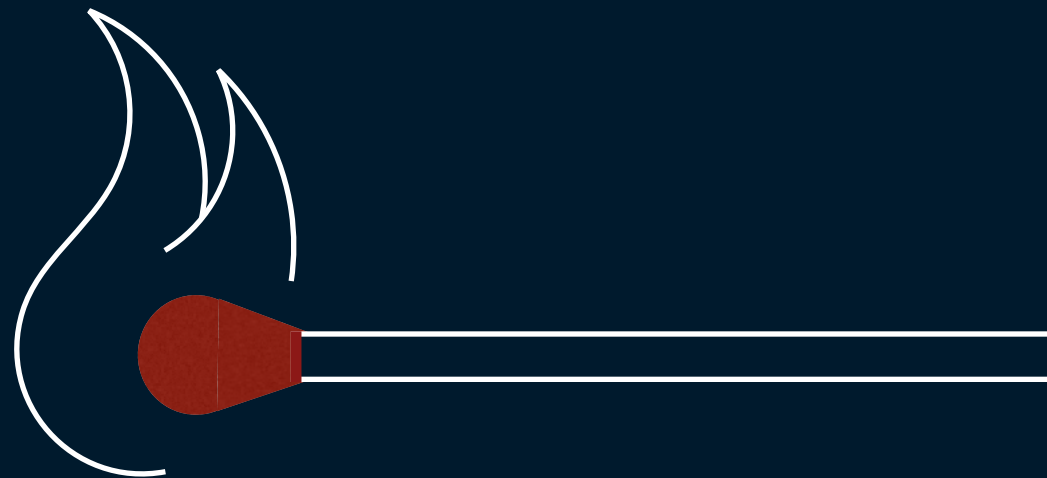
Monitor SME engagement



But this isn't open (yet)
and it can only have a limited impact on procurement
so we still need to do a lot more



Monitor the burn on every budget and contract



The ideal open financial data environment

