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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to PPE contracts.

You asked:

- 1) Please provide the following information for each PPE contract your organisation has signed directly from February 1st 2020 to date. This would include contracts for body bags, gowns, gloves, coveralls, masks, respirators, hand sanitizer, visors, and face shields, and clinical disposal equipment such as waste bags.
- a) The total value of each contract
- b) The date the contract was signed
- c) The name, unique identifier (Companies House number or Dun & Bradstreet number) and address of each supplier for each contract. Please note companies do not have personal information.
- d) The deliverables agreed in each contract, including the list of items to be supplied, and the volume of each item to be supplied.
- e) The procurement procedure, i.e. OJEU, framework, competition or extreme urgency provision (negotiated procedure without a call for competition).
- f) Whether the contract has been fulfilled in full as of the date of this request.
- 2) Please state if any batches of items delivered under these PPE contracts, or national contracts, have failed to meet required product safety or protection standards and those items were rejected.
- If this has occurred, please state what PPE items failed to meet standards, and the volume of items rejected (if only an estimated value for this is held, please provide it).
- 3) Please provide a copy of any reports into fraud relating to these PPE contracts, or national contracts, signed since Feb 1st

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- a) Please state the total cost to your trust due to fraud and error for each month for the period 1st January 2016 to 1st August 2020, if this information is retrievable within cost.
- b) If you have a breakdown for PPE related fraud and error, please also provide this for each month for the period Feb 1st to date, if this information is retrievable within cost.

Trust response:

The Trust have put no contracts in place for PPE (other than standard one-off purchases which fall under the NHS terms for purchase of goods) - our regular supply of all items have come from the national stockpile.

We have also had no fraudulent transactions or quality issues on any PPE products which have been subject to one-off sourcing arrangements.