

Freedom of Information request 297-20

Request

This request concerns contracts awarded for PPE directly by your organisation, and the fraud and error related to PPE procured or received by your organisation.

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, ie. 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.

Response

1. NHS Borders have not signed any contracts for PPE. All PPE is sourced via [National Procurement](#).
2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.
4. Not applicable.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **297-20** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.