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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: SCCL-FOI-2022/23-024

Thank you for your FOI request received by the FOI office, requesting information on procurement of advanced wound care dressings by nursing care homes in England.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Supply Chain Coordination Limited (SCCL) can provide a reply to your request. SCCL's response is specific only to information held by NHS Supply Chain and is set out below in blue under each question raised.

- 1. Can private nursing homes order advanced wound care dressings through NHS Supply Chain?**
Yes, there is an option for nursing homes to purchase advanced wound care products through NHS Supply Chain.
- 2. Are these advanced wound care dressings bought in bulk, or for each patient individually by prescription?**
NHS Supply Chain offer to supply these in packs e.g., 1 pack of 10 dressings, or in bulk depending on how the customer wishes to purchase.
- 3. Are advanced wound care products funded by the NHS?**
NHS Supply Chain offers a framework so the NHS can purchase products. The NHS do not fund these products; however they do pay for the service and delivery of the products.
- 4. Does the NHS pay for advanced wound care products directly at the time of purchase when a care home ordered them?**
NHS customers order their products from the NHS Supply Chain catalogue, this could be across multiple product portfolios. A consolidated invoice is then raised to the individual customer and paid in line with NHS Supply Chain payment terms.
- 5. Or is it always the care home that pays for dressings at the time of purchase?**
All customers (NHS or nursing care homes) will have an invoice raised with the same payment terms.
- 6. Does the way advanced wound care dressings are paid for vary depending on whether the patient is self-funded or paid for by social care?**
No, price is detailed within the NHS Supply Chain catalogue.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the postal or e-mail addresses above, quoting the reference number above. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the handling of your information request will be reassessed by a member of SCCL staff who was not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

If you require any further information do not hesitate to contact the FOI team.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

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