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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: SCCL-FOI-2023/24-089

Thank you for your FOI request received by the FOI office for the following information:

The quantity of single use anaesthetic masks for a 12 month period, outside the pandemic if possible, as well as the quantity of reusable anaesthetic masks in the same 12 month period, with number of reuses against them.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and SCCL confirm that we are able to provide a response.

For the first part of the question: quantity of single use anaesthetic masks for a 12 month period, data has been taken from the full financial year of 2022-2023. The total sum of Single Use Anaesthetic facemasks for 22/23 was 1,787,950.

For the second part of the question: quantity of reusable anaesthetic masks in the same 12 month period, with number of reuses against them. The total sum of Reusable Anaesthetic facemasks for the same period was 12,296.

We do not have the details of the number of reuses recommended by the manufacturer. The below list is the suppliers we have on framework which have reusable facemasks listed through NHS Supply Chain:

- AMBU UK LTD
- ARMSTRONG MEDICAL LTD
- DRAEGER MEDICAL
- FANNIN UK LTD
- FLEXICARE MEDICAL LTD
- GE MEDICAL SYSTEMS LTD
- MARSHALL PRODUCTS
- MEDITECH SYSTEMS LTD (DORSET)
- TIMESCO HEALTHCARE LTD
- VYAIR MEDICAL PRODUCTS LTD

It would be worth contacting these suppliers for their Instructions for Use for their reusable anaesthetic facemasks which will detail the number of reuses recommended.

We hope that this response addresses your request. However, 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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