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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: SCCL-FOI-2023/24-090

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

One final clarification though because I'm confused by the correction in this statement that only 252 million items have been provided to the NHS.

Can you tell me:

Of the 2.02 billion items of Covid PPE provided by Full Support under the contracts listed below. I would like to know:

1. How many items have been provided to the NHS, health and social care settings?
2. How many items are classed as suitable for use in the NHS, health and social care settings?
3. How many items have been disposed of, including for energy from waste and recycling?
4. How many of the remaining 949 million items in storage are earmarked for disposal, including for energy from waste and recycling.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and SCCL are able to provide a response to your questions:

1. 232m items have been provided to the NHS, health and social care settings. This includes items that are currently in storage and items that have already been sent out for use in the NHS, health and social care settings.
2. 354m Items of PPE are classed as suitable for use in the NHS, health and social care settings as of the date of this letter. 'This includes items that are currently in storage and items that have already been sent out for use in the NHS, health and social care settings.
3. 749m items of PPE have been disposed of outside of supply to NHS, health and social care settings including by energy from waste and recycling as per the criteria determined by the Department of Health and Social Care.
4. 825m items are currently classified as stock excess to forecast requirements where disposal including energy from waste and recycling are possible outcomes for the products.

The Department of Health and Social Care were responsible for the purchasing of PPE during the pandemic.

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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