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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: SCCL-FOI-2023/24-085

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

"Please can you provide a full copy of the SCCL spend data (above £25,000) in excel format for storage costs related to PPE, Covid-19 tests and all other Covid-19-related items. If this breakdown is not possible, please provide the SCCL spend data for general storage costs. Please provide spend data covering the period 01 October 2022 to the present day. Please include ALL payments made by SCCL for these storage costs above £25k."

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:

NHS Supply Chain operates a number of warehouses across the country for the distribution of medical devices and consumables to the NHS in England and Wales. Included within this network would normally be some elements of PPE that are used by the NHS in England, however at this point in time the vast majority of PPE is being provided free of charge to the NHS by the Department of Health and Social Care. SCCL is acting as agent to the DHSC to supply PPE. Therefore, there are minimal volumes of PPE in our network with no specific storage costs.

The DHSC provides updates to the Public Accounts Committee which include storage costs for PPE stock owned by the DHSC and these can be found here:

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/1225/initial-lessons-from-the-governments-response-to-the-covid19-pandemic/publications/>

For further enquiries on this subject please redirect your questions to the Department of Health and Social Care's FOI Team.

NHS Supply Chain stores COVID-19 tests on behalf of NHS England and therefore there is no SCCL spend on storage costs for these items. For further enquiries on this subject please redirect your questions to NHS England's FOI Team.

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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