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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: SCCL-FOI-2024/25-108

Thank you for your FOI request received by the FOI office for the following information. 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 in blue below:

1. Specifically, how many items of PPE did Clipper Logistics distribute to acute trusts (hospitals) between April 2020 and September 2021?
[5.5 billion.](#)
2. Can you provide a breakdown per month of any payments to Clipper Logistics for NHS storage and supply since February 2023?
[Please see attached Spreadsheet GXO Breakdown - Feb23 - Aug24. GXO has acquired Clipper logistics.](#)
3. Clipper Logistics was awarded the first subcontract in April 2020 when it had at the time approximately 200,000 sq foot of warehousing available. What other distribution firms were considered prior to awarding this contract and how much warehouse space did they have available?
[SCCL does not hold this information.](#)
4. Please provide all records of correspondence held by SCCL relating to the decision to award Clipper Logistics the subcontract to store and distribute Covid PPE. This should include the record sent by SCCL CEO Jin Sahota to the DHSC in 2020 in which he asked for a letter giving "the level of assurance necessary to proceed" in hiring Clipper, and also the reply from the DHSC in which Mr Sahota is instructed to take on "additional capacity" with "one such measure... the instruction from NHSE/I to contract with a new logistics provider, Clipper Logistics PLC".
[The action for this particular contract was issued in a letter by the Department of Health and Social Care to SCCL and has been enclosed with this letter. All decisions made during this time were fast paced, with an agreement to sub-contract taken at daily COVID-19 telephone calls between DHSC, NHS England and NHSE Improvement \(NHSEI\), SCCL and the Army. SCCL confirms there is no further written correspondence surrounding the potential PPE delivery contract with Clipper.](#)

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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