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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: SCCL-FOI-2025/26-013

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

1. Annual Procurement data for products purchased by the NHS, specifying
 - a. EClass
 - b. Product description
 - c. Weight (if available)
 - d. Material type (if available)
 - e. Eaches (= UOI x Quantity supplied) – For instance here, if the NHS has purchased 1,000 boxes of plastic gloves, each box containing 10 gloves, it means “Eaches” for gloves is 10,000
 - f. Brand
 - g. NHS site purchaser (e.g., general acute hospital...)
2. On the following scope
 - a. Geographical coverage – Entire NHS England
 - b. Years – 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
 - c. Product categories / EClass – We are interested in Single-use plastic products. Please let us know if it is feasible to identify these from your database.

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 below:

SCCL does not hold a record that confirms what products are made from, or if they are single use, single patient use, or multi use. Therefore, there is no field we can use to run a report to filter single use or plastics items. To meet your request would require the production of a new record from a large variety of data sources as the items you have listed sit across numerous Framework agreements. Public organisations are not obliged to create new data to answer requests, which is what would have to be done on this occasion if we were to answer your request as it is framed. Therefore, the record you request is not held.

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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