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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2023-000470 – Covid 19 PPE

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 20 December 2023 requesting the following information.

What cost for each standard PPE (protective gowns) from private supplier I mean suppliers out with the normal contracted stocks held by NHS Scotland during the covid outbreak in Scotland from private suppliers.

I can advise you that we have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

Under Section 33(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Scotland, an organisation does not require to provide information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially the commercial interests of any person (including, without prejudice to that generality, a Scottish public authority) and as such any individual cost information is being withheld as it is commercially sensitive.

What we can provide you with is Appendix 1 – Protective gown overall spend with contingency suppliers, which details the overall spend on protective gowns with additional contingency suppliers during the period of February 2020 – December 2021.

I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with any aspect of how we have dealt with your request, you can make representations to us asking us to review the handling of your request. Please write to the

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or at the email address nss.foi@nhs.scot within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via their [online application form](#).

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

