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Dear Ms Storer

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 200720013

Thank you for your requests dated 20 July 2020 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

Please provide a copy of all communications of successful PPE contracts between NHS England and HMP [*named prison- full list below*] in light of the coronavirus outbreak.

This includes names of companies, the total monies awarded for the successful contracts, the total cost of the contracts, the length of the contracts, the expiry date of the contracts, and the total number of units of PPE supplied for the prison in question between the dates 20.03.2020 to 20.07.2020.

- HMP Manchester
- HMP Moorland
- HMP Pentonville
- HMP Preston
- HMP Ranby
- HMP Risley
- HMP Swaleside
- HMP Standford Hill
- HMP Usk
- HMP Holme House
- HMP Hindley
- HMP Wakefield
- HMP Wormwood Scrubs
- HMP Swansea
- HMP Ford
- HMP Bronzefield
- HMP Channings Wood
- HMP Dovegate
- HMP Wakefield (Duplicate)
- HMP Feltham
- HMP Forest Bank
- HMP Garfield
- HMP Bedford
- HMP Belmarsh
- HMP Berwyn

- HMP Birmingham
- HMP Brinsford
- HMP Bristol
- HMP Brixton
- HMP Cardiff
- HMP Doncaster
- HMP Lindholme

You subsequently submitted additional requests worded as follows:

Please provide a copy of all communications of successful PPE contracts between the Ministry of Justice and *[named prison- full list below]* in light of the coronavirus outbreak.

This includes names of companies, the total monies awarded for the successful contracts, the total cost of the contracts, the length of the contracts, the expiry date of the contracts, and the total number of units of PPE (including a breakdown of units of gloves, masks, and aprons) supplied for the prison in question between the dates 20.02.2020 to 20.07.2020.

- HMP Belmarsh
- HMP Wakefield
- HMP Manchester
- HMP Cardiff
- HMP Lindholme
- HMP Doncaster
- HMP Birmingham
- HMP Wormwood Scrubs
- HMP Brixton
- HMP Thorn Cross
- HMP Liverpool
- HMP Nottingham
- HMP Hindley
- HMP Holme House
- HMP Isle of Wight
- HMP Oakwood
- HMP Swansea
- HMP Wandsworth
- HMP Hull
- HMP Leeds
- HMP Lowdham Grange

Your request is being handled under the FOIA.

Where more than one request is received for the same or similar information, section 5(2) of the FOI and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 allows public authorities to aggregate requests and respond to them together. I have therefore aggregated each of your individual requests.

I have considered your request for information but I am unable to answer it without further clarification. Section 1(3) of the FOIA does not oblige us to answer requests where we require further clarification to identify and locate the information requested.

So that I provide you with the right information, please can you clarify exactly what information you are seeking by answering the following questions:

1. Are you seeking information about contracts you believe to have been entered into between NHS England and Improvement (NHS E/I) and the prisons named, or contracts entered into by both NHS E/I and the prison as a joint entity with third parties?
2. For the second set of requests asking about contracts between the Ministry of Justice and specific prisons, please can you be clearer what you are requesting here as the Ministry of Justice (through its executive agency HMPPS) is responsible for the operation of these prisons (with the exception of a small number of privately managed prisons) and would be unlikely to enter into a contract with itself.
3. Are you seeking information about contracts entered into by the prisons themselves unilaterally or national contracts that encompass the prisons named?
4. Please define what 'communications' you are seeking when you ask for "a copy of all communications of successful PPE contracts..."
5. Can you please explain what 'companies' you are seeking information about? Do you mean the manufacturer of any PPE in scope?
6. Can you please define what you believe to be the difference between 'total monies awarded' and the 'total cost' of any contracts that exist.

Being mindful of section 5(2) of the FOI and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, and to assist us in processing your request promptly, it would also be helpful if you could submit a single clarified request from one email address please.

Please note that this is not a confirmation that any such contracts have been entered into, or that any information with regard to your request is held by MoJ. On receipt of your clarifying explanations I will investigate whether MoJ has any recorded information within the scope of your request.

Yours sincerely

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