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Dear Mr Lubbock,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1315585

Thank you for your request dated 17 March, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

"Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

One of the recent PPE contracts which DHSC entered into was with a company called Gulf Resources, owned by Iranian national Mr Abdolhamid MOHAJERANI. The contract was published on 27 January and was valued at £ 28,430,000.

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/notice/0a9a85aa-d5e6-4885-b904-69bed464d6bc?origin=SearchResults&p=1>

The contract details for this contract are heavily redacted. I would like to ask two questions:

- 1) Does the DHSC know of the source of the PPE purchased in this contract?*
- 2) Was any of the material purchased sourced from Iran?*

Yours faithfully,

John Lubbock"

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

DHSC holds the information you have requested.

This contract was cancelled on 29 June 2020 before any items were supplied against it.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal by asking for an internal review. This should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter and sent to FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk, or to the address at the top of this letter.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response and received our internal review decision. You should raise your concerns with the ICO within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely,

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