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**Ref:** Freedom of Information Request  
**Our Ref:** FOI 7995  
**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Darren,

I am writing in response to your email dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) regarding face masks.

**Q1 From March 2020 to present.**

*How much has UHS spent on face masks?*

**A1 Approximately £1,640,000**

**Q2 Who did UHS contract with to provide face masks?**

**A2 Omnimedical and NHS Supply Chain Push Stock**

**Q3 How long was the contract for?**

**A3 Volume based commitments not term commitments**

**Q4 How much was the supply amount of face mask and for how long?**

**A4 3,571,200 (71,424 boxed of 50)**

**Q5 What legislation does UHS rely on to require staff, patients and visitors to continue to wear masks?**

**A5 UHS follow National PHE (Public Health England) Guidelines.**

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Q6 *Provide the written policy that staff, patients and visitors must wear masks?*

**A6 Please see attached documents x 2**

This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request will be held on a database held by the Trust.

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With regards,

**Freedom of Information Officer**

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