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Ms Charlotte Stretch

By email to: [request-1247238-6b3b46b6@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-1247238-6b3b46b6@whatdotheyknow.com)

14 March 2025

Dear Ms Stretch,

**Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1587810**

Thank you for your request dated 27 February, to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), a copy of which can be found in the accompanying annex.

DHSC does not hold the requested information. This is because DHSC is not the appropriate authority to contact regarding this matter.

However, you may wish to contact NHS England, which may hold information relevant to your request. Contact details for NHS England can be found at [www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi](http://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi).

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you can request we undertake an internal review. If doing so, it would be helpful for you to be explicit which areas of the response you consider dissatisfactory.

Complaints to us should be sent to [freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk) or to the address at the top of this letter and be submitted within 40 working days of the date 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 complained to us about our original response and received our response to your complaint and, if applicable, our internal review decision. You should raise your concerns with the ICO within six weeks of your last substantive contact with us.

Guidance on contacting the ICO can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us> and information about making a complaint can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint>.

Yours sincerely,

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**Annex**

From: Charlotte Stretch <request-1247238-6b3b46b6@whatdotheyknow.com>  
Sent: 27 February 2025 14:13  
To: FreedomofInformation <freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk>  
Subject: Freedom of Information request - Use of non-British plasma stocks

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

Please can you tell me the following:

- a) what proportion of the plasma used for patient care in the UK is obtained from overseas stocks
- b) which countries supply plasma stocks to the UK, and in what proportion
- c) how much the UK is spending on plasma obtained from overseas stocks.

Yours faithfully,  
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