



Chris Smith

By email to: request-1158594-0595b0ec@whatdotheyknow.com

18 October 2024

Dear Chris,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1525045

Thank you for your request dated 14 August to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), a copy of which can be found in the accompanying annex.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Please accept our apologies for the delay in replying.

DHSC holds information relevant to your request.

Please advise the total value of all payments made by DHSC to Uniserve for the contract covered by Contract Award Notice (CAN).

The value of payments for that specific CAN are as follows:

Financial Year	Value of payments made
2020/2021	£315,268,441.24
2021/2022	£176,871,862.75
2022/2023	£53,500,192.71
2023/2024	£2,278,637.41

Please advise why a Contract Award Notice giving the revised value of the contract has not been issued.

A further CAN was not required. As the table shows the spend to date is still within the existing contract limit of £572,890,310. You should be aware there are multiple CANs for services provided by this supplier.

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 sent to freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk or to the address at the top of this letter and be submitted within two months 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 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.

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,

Freedom of Information Team
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Annex

From: Chris Smith <request-1158594-0595b0ec@whatdotheyknow.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 11:57 AM

To: FreedomofInformation <freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk>

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Value of payments made to Uniserve for freight transport agency services

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

DHSC awarded a contract to Uniserve on 30 March 2020 for freight transport agency services worth £473,390,310 - Contract Award Notice [Uniserve - Contracts Finder](#) which was subsequently increased to £572,890,310 under Contract award Notice [Uniserve - Contracts Finder](#)

According to spend data published by DHSC here [DHSC spending over £25,000 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) , approximately £1bn has been paid to Uniserve, excluding payments related to the supply of PPE.

1. Please advise the total value of all payments made by DHSC to Uniserve for the contract covered by Contract Award Notice [Uniserve - Contracts Finder](#) in:

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

2. Please advise why a Contract Award Notice giving the revised value of the contract has not been issued.

Your response will be copied to the COVID-19 Inquiry as evidence.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Smith

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request-1158594-0595b0ec@whatdotheyknow.com