

29<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**BY EMAIL**

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**Our Ref: FOI 996**

Dear [REDACTED]

Your request for information was received on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please be advised that the Business Services Organisation (BSO) has now completed its search for the information you requested with regards to suppliers of non-medical gloves.

I can advise that Protective workwear gloves (non-medical) for use by Health and Social Care staff in Northern Ireland are drawn from 2 contracts:

- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** A National Health Service wide contract managed by NHS Business Services Authority. Contract details can be accessed on the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU). This link will take you to the Contract Award details where you can obtain information including the contact details for the awarding authority. [Supplies - 45785-2018 - TED Tenders Electronic Daily](#)
- **Household Gloves:** A contract managed by BSO Procurement and Logistics Service. The contract period is 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (with option to extend up to and including 12 months). A decision will be made in September 2019 whether to retender or extend. Tender opportunities can be viewed by registering on <https://etendersni.gov.uk>

I hope that the information provided assists you. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter.

In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to

Information Governance Manager,  
2 Franklin Street,  
Belfast,  
BT2 8DQ



If, following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision making panel, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the BSO has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

You can contact Information Commissioner at:

**Website:** [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)  
**Phone:** 0303 123 1113  
**Email:** [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)  
**Post:** Information Commissioner's Office  
3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place  
Belfast  
BT7 2JB

In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liam McIvor', written over a light blue horizontal line.

**Liam McIvor**  
Chief Executive