

16th July 2024

BY EMAIL

Our Ref: FOI 2228

Dear [REDACTED]

Your request for information was received on 19th June 2024 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 in relation to PPE Purchases.

Please find a response as follows.

1. Can BSO detail how much it spent on PPE for Northern Ireland during the COVID pandemic, starting from January 2020 up to the end of 2022?

£444,261,205

2. In terms of units and/or value, how much of it was deemed unusable? Can you note the different types of PPE items?

Type	Qty (Unit of Issue)	Value
T11R Face mask	70,154	£2,701,944
Eye Protection	1,016	FOC Donated from DHSC England

3. Has PPE had to be dumped? If so, what value of PPE has been dumped and how much was spent to do that?

There has been no PPE dumped

4. Is there PPE still in storage, if so can you outline:

a) the different locations;

Carrickfergus

b) how many units;



3 Units within the Carrickfergus location

c) how long it has been in storage;

The length of storage ranges from item to item, the current lease was acquired for the Units in October 2022

d) what is the cost per annum;

£1.07m

e) can any of it be used in future?

Yes

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, as the BSO, along with all other public authorities are not obliged to accept internal review requests after this period has lapsed.

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

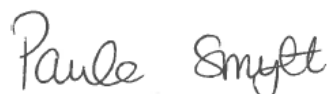
If, following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision-making panel, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate 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
Phone: 0303 123 1113
Email: 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,



Karen Bailey
Chief Executive