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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to suppliers and contracts.

Question:

### 1. Current Supplier and Contract Details

- Who is the current supplier of surgical swabs used in theatre?
- What is the scope of the contract (e.g., product types, volumes, duration)?

Answer:

a.	We use multiple suppliers across different Theatres
b.	Scottish National Procurement frameworks, NP594 – expires 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2027- Various Product Type – Approx 600,00pa NP600 - expires 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2027 – Various Product Type – Approx 165,000pa NP101 – Various Product Type – Approx 150,000pa

Question:

### 2. Usage and Procurement

- Approximate annual usage volume of surgical swabs in theatre.
- List by product group qty, dimension, Qty, Hospital and company provider.
- Any guidelines on who should be contacted within procurement

Answer:

a.	175,000 – from standard data set – further numbers will be used from Custom Packs but these volumes are not available in the report
b.	Too many variants to list
c.	No.

Question:

### 3. Contract Renewal

- When is the current contract for surgical swabs due for renewal?

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b. Will the contract be subject to re-tendering, extension, or automatic renewal?

Answer:

a.	Various, see above (question 1)
b.	Retender and/or extension

Question:

4. **Future Planning**

- Are there any planned changes to procurement strategy for surgical swabs (e.g. moving to framework agreements, sustainability initiatives, or alternative suppliers)?

Answer:

No

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal). If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

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Yours sincerely

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