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Dear Requester,

The trust acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, referenced above. Please ensure you quote this number in any future correspondence.

FOI Request

You asked us:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the procurement of uniforms and linen by your organisation.

Specifically, I would like to obtain the following details:

1. **1.Current supplier(s) for uniforms and linen.**
2. **2.Contract end date and any known renewal or retender schedule.**
3. **3.Annual usage in quantity (e.g., pieces or sets) for each product category - tentative**
4. **4.Annual spend amount on uniforms and linen over the past 12 months.**
5. **5.Any measurable social value commitments linked to the contract, such as local employment initiatives, skills development, or community benefits.**
6. **6.Any reported carbon reduction outcomes related to the supply or logistics of uniforms and linen.**
7. **7.Any sustainability metrics tracked, including material composition, recycling/repurposing initiatives, or environmental impact assessments.**
8. **8.Whether SME suppliers are considered or encouraged for participation in future procurement exercises for uniforms and linen.**

Formal Response

The Trust confirms it holds the information you have requested.

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Specifically, I would like to obtain the following details:

1. **Current supplier(s) for uniforms and linen.**
   Linen is exchanged on a like for like basis via hospital SLAs – spend is between NHS organisations. We do not purchase linen.
   Cooneen at Work ltd is the national Ambulance uniform supplier under the following Framework that is managed by NHS Supply Chain. National Ambulance Uniforms and General Workwear » NHS Supply Chain For total spend please contact NHS Supply Chain

2. **Contract end date and any known renewal or retender schedule.**
   The Framework commenced on 1st September 2022 and expires on 31st August 2028

3. **Annual usage in quantity (e.g., pieces or sets) for each product category**
   We order twice annually with the following:

SS Operational Trousers - Blue	450
Operational Trousers	12000
Operational Green Shirt - National	0
EOC Shirt Green National	0
SS Operational Shirt – Navy	100
T-Shirt White	6000
Polo Shirt – Green - National	10000
EOC Polo Shirt – Green - National	5000
SS Polo Shirt - Navy	500
Hi Viz Jacket - National	700
Hi Viz Tabard - National	1550
Hi Viz Trousers	700
SS Beanie - Navy	300
Safety Boot Waterproof Lynx 6inch	3200
Leather Belt	1500
Vegan Belt	0
Canvas Belt	1500
Knee Pads	2000
3 in 1 Jacket	1500
SS 3 in 1 Jacket	150

4. **Annual spend amount on uniforms and linen over the past 12 months.**
   Annual spend on uniform only - £567,372.34 Oct 2024-Sep 2025

5. **Any measurable social value commitments linked to the contract, such as local employment initiatives, skills development, or community benefits.**
   NHS Supply Chain tendered this service and manages this Contract, please contact NHS Supply Chain directly for this data

6. **Any reported carbon reduction outcomes related to the supply or logistics of uniforms and linen.**
   As above

7. **Any sustainability metrics tracked, including material composition, recycling/repurposing initiatives, or environmental impact assessments.**
   As above

8. **Whether SME suppliers are considered or encouraged for participation in future procurement exercises for uniforms and linen.**
   SME suppliers are considered under all goods and services that we purchase

Next steps

Please note you will be able to source a lot of information which is made available on our website.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance, via the following email address: FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

You can ask us to review our original response. If you would like us to carry out an internal review, please let us know within 40 working days of you receiving our original response. This review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in reviewing the original response, ordinarily, the Trust Data Protection Officer.
We will endeavour to complete this request within 20 working days.

Should you remain dissatisfied then you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Complaints to the ICO should be made within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints.

Alternatively, the ICO's postal address is:
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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