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Enquiry regarding public sector procurement spend to inform guidance document for Welsh public sector

I am writing in response to your request for information dated 9 August 2021 in which you requested information regarding public sector procurement spend in relation to textiles.

I have made enquiries with the relevant audit team and have come to the view we do not hold information that meets the description of your request exactly (i.e. annual spend on textiles, main purchases of textiles and main suppliers).

As you have referred to our Public Procurement Report from 2017, I refer you to our report on the National Procurement Service on the Audit Wales website in case this is of interest. You may also wish to contact the National Procurement Service direct, as they were the body who managed the collaborative spend analysis project, and may also have wider information about contracting in this area.

Also, it may however be helpful to refer you to the Procuring and Supplying PPE for the COVID-19 Pandemic Audit Wales report (the figures referenced were based on actual and forecast spend for 2020-21).

You may wish to contact NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership regarding PPE and NHS Procurement spend generally.

If you have any queries, or questions about my handling of your request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Information Officer