



Committee of Public Accounts

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By Email

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Dear,

The Public Accounts Committee is currently conducting an inquiry into the supply and procurement of PPE during the COVID-19 pandemic. This will focus on the emergency response to PPE shortages and the steps taken by Government to obtain PPE for the NHS and local organisations across the country throughout 2020.

We want to hear directly from suppliers that offered PPE or secured contracts with Government to see what lessons can be learnt for procurement in the future. As a potential supplier, we would be grateful if you could write to us about your experience.

1. **Did your company have experience of providing health-grade PPE before the pandemic? If yes, please provide details.**
2. **During 2020, were you able to rapidly produce PPE or source it with the correct certification from reliable manufacturers or intermediaries? If yes, please explain how you did this.**
3. **Did you make an offer to supply PPE to the Department of Health & Social Care or to the Cabinet Office? If you did, did you receive a response? If yes:**
 - Please describe the response and in what time frame it was received.
 - Do you think the Department of Health & Social Care's supplier checking process was set at an appropriate level for new suppliers to enter the market?
 - If you did not receive a response, please indicate
4. **Did you make your offer through the Department of Health & Social Care's normal process/portal for supplier offers and/or through other routes (for examples via a minister, MP or senior official)?**
 - If you did make an offer through the Department of Health & Social Care's process or through these other routes, please describe the response and in what time frame it was received.
5. **Were you awarded a contract to provide PPE or PPE-related services? If yes, please describe:**
 - What you were contracted to provide and when;
 - What monitoring and oversight arrangements were included in the contract;
 - Whether the contract award has been published by government;
 - Your experience of contracting with the Department of Health and Social care, and
 - Whether you encountered any difficulties supplying the PPE or PPE-related services in the contract. What was the outcome?

It is our intention to publish this letter, and all the responses we receive, unless confidentiality is specifically requested and agreed to by the Committee. We would be grateful for a response by Thursday 20 May 2021. Should you have any questions, please contact the Committee secretariat via raynerb@parliament.uk or 020 7219 6125.

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