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TEST AND TRACE CONTRACT

Thank you for your request of 28 October 2022, for a copy of the Test and Trace contract awarded to Price Water House Coopers, and any progress reports related to that contract. This contract started on 25 January 2021 and ended on 28 February 2021.

Your request was considered in accordance with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), and it has been reproduced at Annex A for your reference.

As you may be aware, the National Audit Office (NAO) published a report on Test and Trace in England in June 2021. If you are interested, you can read it [online](#). In the context of this study, the NAO holds a list of contracts awarded to PWC for Test and Trace. The list contains the name of the contractors, date and value related to the contracts and commission route. As you may be aware, this information is publicly available on the government's Contract Finder website.

However, having searched our audit records and archives, we do not hold the specific information that you have requested. That is, we do not hold a copy of the contract itself, and there are no related progress reports.

In this case, you may wish to request a copy of the contract directly from the Department of Health and Social Care. You can do so online at contactus.dhsc.gov.uk.

We are sorry that we cannot be more helpful. Annex B sets out the steps you may wish to take if you are not satisfied with how we have handled your request for information under the FOIA.

Yours sincerely,

NAO FOI Team

Annex A

Request for Test and Trace contract

(Your request in italics)

“Please provide a copy of the contract, and progress reports related to; Department of Health and Social Care contracted with Price Water House Coopers Llp (sic) for Test and Trace: WP#1002 PwC Ecolog - 3rd Party Financial Review. Published date: 7 April 2021. Industry, Financial auditing services – 79212100. Procurement reference CCCC21A12. Supplier, Price Water House Coopers Llp. Address, 18 Northland Row BT71 6AP Dungannon Northern Ireland. <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/notice/8447af85-67e7-4e41-8cc0-ec55465c4e95?origin=SearchResults&p=4>.”

Annex B

Statement of Policy

Our policy is to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as helpfully and promptly as possible, having regard to the principles set out in the Act. I therefore hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not, then you should take the following steps.

In the first instance, within 40 working days, write to the National Audit Office Freedom of Information (FOI) Team at FOI.requests@nao.org.uk or by post to:

FOI Team, Green 2, National Audit Office, 157-197 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SP

The Head of FOI will arrange a review, which will be conducted by a senior member of staff who was not involved in decisions relating to your original request. Once the review has been completed, we will write informing you of the outcome.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

<https://ico.org.uk/> or Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF