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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012650 – Conflict minerals

Please could you provide any policy documentation regarding the sourcing of medical devices that contain conflict minerals.

No documentation

Please could you provide any correspondence and policy documentation regarding the ethical sourcing of tantalum, coltan or other conflict minerals in regard to medical equipment and medical devices procurement. -

No documentation

Please could you provide any policy documents or information provided to the NHS regarding conflict minerals and the ethical sourcing or procurement strategy adopted to ensure compliance in line with the EU ban on the use of conflict minerals 2015, and the UK voluntary agreement to comply with this regulation. This covers how the NHS ensure that procurement hubs and suppliers comply with these issues and that NHS procurement/clinicians are fully aware of them. -

Do not have any policy documentation or information provided to the NHS.

Please provide any guidance information you have specifically in relation to sourcing materials for medical devices that are sourced from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). This is applicable to ensuring that suppliers of medical devices containing tantalum or coltan, or any other conflict material, also adhere to EU regulation - please confirm and explain with documentation evidence how you ensure that procurement is responsible and within the law regarding conflict materials/minerals. -

Do not have any guidance information

Please note that conflict minerals of various types (this includes but is not limited to gold, wolframite (tungsten), tantalum and coltan) make up, and are present in, many medical devices including surgical equipment, pace makers, metal stents, surgical sutures, orthopaedic implants (such as hips and knees) and other medical implants (for example, cranial plates). According to EU legislation, all products containing any substance classed as a "conflict mineral" should be procured in line with the new 2014 regulation - please provide evidence of this. -

Please find attached a copy of the Pre-Purchase Questionnaire (PPQ) that all suppliers of medical devices have to complete and get approved prior to the Trust purchasing an item of medical equipment. The PPQ requests confirmation that the medical device is CE marked