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NHS Supply Chain holds information on its systems to enable monitoring of all products bought and sold by the business. The information is collected during the tender stage and throughout the lifetime of the Framework Agreement and is used to generate NHS Supply Chain's electronic catalogue; manage stock inventory; monitor sales activity and customer demand.

This request was sent to our Decision Support team who extracted the information from Microsoft Access databases, which hold information on all products sold by NHS Supply Chain. The results were obtained from a combination of our PRDB (Product Database) and TRDB (Transaction Database), and saved as a Microsoft Excel spread sheet. The criteria of the query focused on the specific NPCs sold during the financial period specified in the original request. These are figures for products sold into the NHS by NHS Supply Chain but that the NHS Trusts may also purchase from other sources.

An explanation of any terms that are not in common use:-

NPC	National Product Code. A unique reference allocated by NHS Supply Chain for each product held.
Base Description	Main Description of the product.
Secondary Description	More in depth description of the product
UOI	Unit of Issue, i.e the case size sold by NHSSC
Supplied Quantity	The total quantity of product delivered within the period
Total Sales	Total value of purchases
UNITS	Amount of UOI sold

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