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Hopefully this should return sanity to our lives (or at least a small sparkle of sanity. Not that much)

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Subject: Delegated Funding Envelopes

Chris,

Thanks again for the continued close working this week, much appreciated. We've now got a readout on our advice, which I'm very hopefully will make all our lives a little easier.

The CST has approved the following:

- A CDEL envelope of £330m (excl. VAT) for ventilator and all linked purchasing including monitors (this includes the £130m you already approved for monitors);
- A £100m RDEL envelope for PPE purchases (excl. VAT);
- Expanded scope and size of the home testing kit delegated fund to cover all testing kit workstreams and increase it to £300m RDEL in total (excl. VAT);
- All envelopes allow DHSC to cover standard purchases as well as payments in advance of need where necessary (deposits and prepayments).

Conditions for these delegated funding envelopes are that you must:

- Ensure any foreign companies are considered reputable by FCO and the local British Embassy, and assurances provided to DHSC in writing;
- Ensure all equipment has the appropriate medical certification and commercial colleagues have sought and taken all reasonable action to review time-stamped pictures of the equipment;
- Confirm that all stock will be medically inspected as fit for purpose before distribution to NHS Trusts and/or use;
- Ensure commercial teams have reviewed purchase contracts and confirmed they see no terms and conditions that represent unacceptable risk to Government;
- Make all reasonable attempt to ensure prices are <25% above the average unit price paid to date;
- Ensure DHSC AO has signed off each payment given potential issues with propriety, regularity, vfm and feasibility;
- Share details with HMT of all individual procurements; including supplier, product type, volume of goods purchased, unit cost, certification details and written assurances from Embassy/FCO;
- Provide HMT with a weekly tracker on purchases made and potential upcoming purchases, and how progress tracks against demand in the system; and
- Keep any deposit payments and prepayments to a minimum.

CST was quite clear that he would still like oversight of every one of these contentious payments that are made, without needing to approve it. So the information we have set out in the conditions above will help us keep him informed.

CST has also asked in the next 2 hours... for a table with the following columns:

- PPE item name;
- Level of supply before HMT approval this week;
- HMT decision date;
- Increase in supply that HMT approval covered;
- How many weeks extra supply this buys us

Is this easy/doable? Let us know if totally unreasonable/what a reasonable timeline would be and we will explain what he can have by when. The attached table page 13 covers part of this, although no idea on the source of this data and it doesn't cover the recent purchases. Happy to work with you on what is easiest to do here.

Best,

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