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Subject: Solar Panels

REQUEST

Please could you provide the following information:

- The names of the companies that installed the solar panels at St Helens Hospital.
- The names of the company / brand that manufactured the panels installed at the hospital.
- Any internal or external correspondence that discusses the risk of slave labour from the Xinjiang region being a part of this supply chain.

RESPONSE

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ESOS Energy LTD

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RISEN ENERGY Co LTD

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The NHS fully supports the Government's objectives to eradicate modern slavery and human trafficking and recognises the significant role the NHS must play in both mitigating it and supporting victims. This includes a commitment to ensure all NHS supply chains and business activities are free from ethical and labour standards abuses.

That's why NHS England has been working with the DHSC to draft new regulations on modern slavery. The regulations proposed will place legal duties upon public bodies to assess modern slavery risk in supply chains and take reasonable steps to eradicate risk in a proportionate way when procuring for the health service. As a major buyer of goods and services, the NHS has a significant amount of leverage that it will look to use to improve supplier practices.

The procurement and delivery of solar projects, and other NHS procurement will be fully aligned to Procurement Policy Note 02/23, Tackling Modern Slavery in Government Supply Chains.