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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2022-000066 – Ostomy Patients in Scotland

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 24 March 2022 requesting the following information.

1. Number of Ostomy patients in Scotland: Every year from 2012 up until and including 2021.

I would remind you of your obligation that all Scottish public authorities should perform within the spirit of the legislation, in that they must always consider the obligations placed on them by FOISA to consider Section 15 of FOISA “Duty to provide advice and assistance” at all times to a person who proposes to make, or has made, a request for information.

I can advise you that we have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

You have requested the same information in a previous Freedom of Information request (FOI-2022–000057). As per FOISA Section 14(2) “Repeated Requests” of the FOISA act, when a Scottish public authority has complied with a request from a person for information, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent request from that person which is identical or substantially similar unless there has been a reasonable period of time between the making of the request complied with and the making of the subsequent request.

I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with any aspect of how we have dealt with your request you can make representations to us asking us to review the handling of your request. Please write to the



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or at the email address nss.foi@nhs.scot within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via their [online application form](#).

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Davies', written in a cursive style.

Alan Davies
Business Support Manager