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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2022-000174 – Communications relating to SSR Council and EDS

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 26 July 2022. I can advise you that we have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

Thanks very much for your email and attachments in response to my FOI request. I write to further request, under the same Act:

- **All communication received from and sent to the Scottish Society of Rheumatology Council between December 2018 and December 2019 in relation to the application for service designation for the Scottish Centre for Complex Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome**
- **In particular, comments received from the SSR Council regarding the continued development of a Stage 3 application for the centre (as referenced in Appendix 5 of your most recent response to my FOIs - the NSSC minutes from 18 September 2019).**

Under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act an organisation does not require to provide information if it does not hold that information. NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) does not hold this information. Having checked the papers in relation to the application, we do not hold any correspondence between NSS and the Scottish Society for Rheumatology (SSR) between December 2018 and December 2019. It is normally the applicant who would canvass for letters of support in relation to an application not NSS.

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