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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2022-000057 - Ostomy patients & supplies

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 20 March 2022 requesting the following information.

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

1. The Total prescription spend each year for Ostomy supplies (prescription spend) in Scotland from 2012 up until and including 2021.

Total prescription spend each year from 2015 to 2021 can be found using the link below, the data is only kept for 6 plus 1 years so cannot provide anything prior to 2015.

<https://www.opendata.nhs.scot/dataset/prescriptions-in-the-community>.

Under Section 25(1) of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act, an organisation does not require to provide information that the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

2. The Total number of Ostomy patients in Scotland from 2012 up until and including 2021.

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 does not hold this information.

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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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,

