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Date: Our ref: Email: 08 June 2023 K: FOI/Ref: 2023-000179 <u>nss.pcf-foi@nhs.scot</u>

Dear Sir/Madam,

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2023-000179 – Amount spent on transgender-related treatments each year

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 23 May 2023 requesting the following information.

The overall amount spent on transgender-related treatments each year from 2017/18 to 2022/23, such as gender-affirming care, medication, counselling/therapies, surgery et al.

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

Under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act (FOISA) an organisation does not require to provide information if it does not hold that information. NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) does not hold some of this information, such as gender-affirming care, medication and counselling/therapies. National Services Division (NSD) only cover the cost of surgery out with Scotland, the cost of which are detailed in the attached, Appendix 1 – Gender Reassignment Costs.

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 <u>nss.foi@nhs.scot</u> within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.





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Chairperson Chief Executive Keith Redpath Mary Morgan 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 <u>online application form</u>.

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

Yours faithfully,

