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Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2023-000101 – increased purchase of flumazenil

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 15 March 2023 requesting the following information.

I understand that NHS bought much more midazolam than in previous years, during the recent covid situation.

Did they also increase their purchase of flumazenil?

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

The NHS in Scotland purchased a higher volume of flumazenil during 2020 before returning to pre-2020 levels in 2021. Data for 2022 indicates that purchases increased again but not to 2020 levels.

Please see below table detailing purchases of flumazenil by health boards via the national contract:

FLUMAZENIL 500MCG/5ML AMPOULES	
YEAR	AMPOULES PURCHASED
2019	5525
2020	12900
2021	5050
2022	9310
GRAND TOTAL	32785

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

