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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2024-000004 – Universal Masking in healthcare.

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 04 January 2024 requesting the following information.

I'd like an electronic copy of all NSS written correspondence of any type discussing, mentioning, or considering the World Health Organisation, Royal College of Nursing and British Medical Association's recommendation for universal masking in healthcare as of the 1st of September 2023 to the 4th of January 2024.

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

Please find attached Appendices regarding all NSS correspondence mentioning, or considering the World Health Organisation, Royal College of Nursing and British Medical Association's recommendation for universal masking in healthcare as of the 1st of September 2023 to the 4th of January 2024. Appendices are as follows:

- A1 - FW Evaluation of WHO IPC Covid-19 guidance - 21 December 2023_Redacted
- A2 - FW Ventilation wording in NIPCM_Redacted
- A2.1 - FW Ventilation wording in NIPCM_Attachment1_Redacted
- A2.2 - FW Ventilation wording in NIPCM_Attachment2
- A3 - FW WHO COVID guidance; RCN Letter to CNO_Redacted
- A4 - RE Daily on Call Fri 22nd Request_Redacted
- A5 - RE JN.01 query_Redacted
- A6 - Re RCN Scotland letter - JN.1 COVID WHO advice_Redacted
- A7 - Re SG meeting re rcn letter_Redacted
- A8 - RE URGENT WHO covid variant announcement. _Redacted
- A9 - RE WHO SR updates_Redacted
- A10 - WHO COVID guidance; RCN Letter to CNO_Redacted
- A10.1 - WHO COVID guidance; RCN Letter to CNO_Attachment1_Redacted
- A10.2 - WHO COVID guidance; RCN Letter to CNO_Attachment2



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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

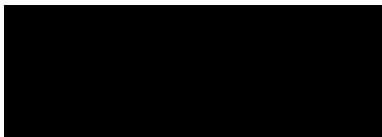
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or at the email address nss.foi@nhs.scot within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

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

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