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Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2024-000117 – Joint working agreements

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 13 March 2024 requesting the following information.

Please could you supply:

1. **All joint working agreements in place in your health board over the last 5 years, dated today, including the payment amounts and which companies they were from, and for what purpose. This may include education, staff, clinics, and physical resources.**
2. **Any donations, gifts, funding from any pharmaceutical or devices company in the last 5 years, and the purposes these were put to.**

Clarification - These joint working arrangements would be like this <https://www.gsk.com/media/7673/glasgow-executive-summary.pdf> - where a pharma company funds a specific clinic or staff members or tasks. It's not between other NHS organisations.

We have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

1. **All joint working agreements in place in your health board over the last 5 years, dated today, including the payment amounts and which companies they were from, and for what purpose. This may include education, staff, clinics, and physical resources.**

Under section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act, 2002 (FOISA) an organisation does not have to provide that information if it does not hold that information. NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) does not hold any information in relation to joint working agreements with pharmaceutical or device companies.

2. **Any donations, gifts, funding from any pharmaceutical or devices company in the last 5 years, and the purposes these were put to.**

Please find attached Appendix 1 - Diagnostics Networks External Funding 2019-2024. This shows funding amounts that National Services Directorate (NSD) have received in funding for education meetings in 2019.

Please find attached Appendix 2 – Declaration Register Extract. This shows all entries on our declaration register in the past 5 years which relate to pharmaceutical or devices companies.



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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

