

Date: 15 April 2025
Our ref: K: FOI/Ref: 2025-000098
Email: NSS.DevServicesFOI@nhs.scot

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2025-000098 – Hospital acquired infections.

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 25 March 2025 requesting the following information.

Under FOI, can you please provide me with this info - the number of hospital-acquired infections reported annually since 2019.

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

I can confirm that under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act, 2002 NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) does not hold the information that you have requested. The NSS Antimicrobial Resistance & Healthcare Associated Infection (ARHAI) Scotland team do not hold data relating to the number of people with a hospital-acquired infection in Scotland.

We do routinely publish data on the total number of people who have a pathogen specific healthcare associated infection in Scotland. Please use the following link; [Guidance, protocols and reports | National Services Scotland](#) under the heading “Quarterly epidemiological data commentaries” to access these quarterly epidemiological reports. These start from Q1 2020 until the most recent publication Q4 2024.

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 Associate Director Governance and Board Services (Board Secretary) 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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