

Date: 13 November 2025
Our ref: K: FOI/Ref: 2025-3162
Email: NSS.DevServicesFOI@nhs.scot

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2025-3162 – infection-related admissions and NHS pressures.

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 04 November 2025 requesting the following information.

Dear whom it may concern

I am an infectious diseases doctor and researcher, currently undertaking my PhD on antimicrobial resistance and diagnostics. I am interested in infection-related admissions and NHS pressures, and I wish to seek information on the following:

What proportion of hospital admissions in Scotland is for infection? Is it the most common reason for infection? Of these, how many die of the infection?

What is the most common reason for attending a GP surgery with an urgent problem, is it infection? What proportion?

How many bed days are related to infection and what is the cost of this?

If you have any additional data, especially related to the cost of infection in the NHS that would be hugely helpful too.

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

Under Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act, 2002 (FOISA) an organisation does not have to provide that information if it does not hold it. NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) does not hold any of the requested information. We would advise you to contact Public Health Scotland (PHS) at PHS.FOI@phs.scot who may be able to provide the requested information.

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](#).

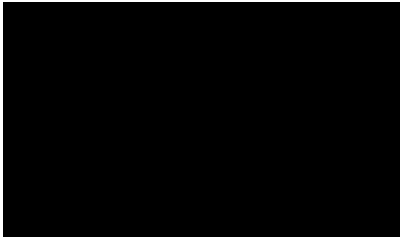


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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely,



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