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**Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2026-3293 – Co-codamol Supply.**

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 02 March 2026 requesting the following information.

**Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I request the following information held by NHS National Services Scotland relating to the procurement and stock management of co-codamol 30mg/500mg tablets.**

**For the period 1 January 2026 to the date of this request, please provide:**

- 1. Any formal supply risk assessments, briefing papers, or reports prepared by National Procurement regarding the availability of co-codamol 30/500mg.**
- 2. Any formal correspondence between NHS National Services Scotland and contracted suppliers relating specifically to international supply disruption affecting co-codamol 30/500mg.**
- 3. Minutes or formal notes of meetings where mitigation strategies for this shortage were discussed.**

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

**For the period 1 January 2026 to the date of this request, please provide:**

- 1. Any formal supply risk assessments, briefing papers, or reports prepared by National Procurement regarding the availability of co-codamol 30/500mg.**

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 it. NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) National Procurement (NP) has not developed any formal risk assessments, briefing papers or reports in the period 01 January 2026 to date.

Please note: The UK Government holds overall responsibility for regulating the supply of medicines. At a national level, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) Medicines Supply Team coordinates the management of medicine shortages across the UK.

- 2. Any formal correspondence between NHS National Services Scotland and contracted suppliers relating specifically to international supply disruption affecting co-codamol 30/500mg.**



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Yours sincerely,



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