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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3352

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 26 April 2026 requesting the following information:

To the Freedom of Information Officer,

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am auditing the procurement frameworks for urological surgical devices within NHS Scotland.

Information Requested:

- 1. Does National Procurement (a division of NSS) currently have a national framework or contract in place for the supply of disposable circular stapling anastomat devices (e.g., ZSR, CircCurer, or generic equivalents)?**
- 2. If no, has NSS conducted any cost-efficiency analysis comparing the procurement costs of these devices against the consumables used in traditional hand-sutured circumcision (e.g., sutures, theatre time, anaesthetic)?**
- 3. Has NSS received any representations from territorial Health Boards regarding the inclusion of automated stapling devices on national procurement catalogues to improve surgical productivity?**
- 4. What is the current National Procurement policy regarding the adoption of "High-Volume Low-Complexity" (HVLC) surgical technologies to reduce national urology backlogs?**

Note to the FOI Officer: Under Section 16 (Duty to provide advice and assistance) of FOISA 2002, if this request requires technical clarification, please contact me so I may clarify the clinical intent.

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

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

- 1. Does National Procurement (a division of NSS) currently have a national framework or contract in place for the supply of disposable circular stapling anastomat devices (e.g., ZSR, CircCurer, or generic equivalents)?**

Under the [FOISA Section 17 exemption for "Information not held"](#) Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland), formerly NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) does not currently have a national framework or contract in place for the supply of disposable circular stapling anastomat devices.

- 2. If no, has NSS conducted any cost-efficiency analysis comparing the procurement costs of these devices against the consumables used in traditional hand-sutured circumcision (e.g., sutures, theatre time, anaesthetic)?**

Under the [FOISA Section 17 exemption for "Information not held"](#) PSD Scotland has not conducted any cost-efficiency analysis comparing the procurement costs of these devices against the consumables used in traditional hand-sutured circumcision.

- 3. Has NSS received any representations from territorial Health Boards regarding the inclusion of automated stapling devices on national procurement catalogues to improve surgical productivity?**

Under the [FOISA Section 17 exemption for "Information not held"](#) PSD Scotland has not received any representations from territorial Health Boards (HBs) regarding the inclusion of automated stapling devices on National Procurement (NP) catalogues.

4. What is the current National Procurement policy regarding the adoption of "High-Volume Low-Complexity" (HVLC) surgical technologies to reduce national urology backlogs?

Under the [FOISA Section 17 exemption for "Information not held"](#) PSD Scotland does not operate a policy regarding the adoption of "High-Volume Low-Complexity" (HVLC) surgical technologies to reduce national urology backlogs.

From 1 April 2026, NSS and NHS Education for Scotland (NES) joined to form PSD Scotland, enabling transformation in health, social care, and the wider public sector. More information regarding PSD Scotland can be found at the following URL:

[Public Services Delivery Scotland \(PSD Scotland\)](#)

I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me using the email address psd.foi@nhs.scot.

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 Corporate Governance using the email address psd.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 Appeal form](#).

Yours sincerely,

