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Letter issued by email

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Our Ref: FOI2026-3334  
Enquiries to: Freedom of Information  
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Dear ██████████

**Freedom of Information Reference: FOI2026-3334**

Thank you for your information request received on 10 April 2026 by PSD Scotland.

From 1 April 2026, NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) joined to form Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland), enabling transformation in health, social care, and the wider public sector. This means your Freedom of Information request is now being responded to by PSD Scotland.

Your Request

*I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 regarding the ST1 Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgery recruitment process in Scotland for the next cycle of 2027 entry.*

- 1. Will the Multi-Speciality Recruitment Assessment (MSRA) be used formally in the ST1 selection process for Trauma & Orthopaedics in the 2027 recruitment cycle?*
- 2. How will this be used in 2027?*
- 3. Will there be any further changes to the applicant self-scoring criteria?*

I wish to advise that under Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) the information you describe is not held by PSD Scotland.

We do not currently know what the selection criteria will be for 2027. Analysis of the 2026 data has yet to be carried out, and the 2026 data analysis will potentially inform 2027 recruitment.

If you are dissatisfied with this reply under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, you should contact us again in writing or by email within 40 days of receipt of this response to request an internal review.

If you remain unhappy with the outcome of that internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision within six months

Chair Mr Keith Redpath  
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

of receiving our response. For further information, please visit the Scottish Information Commissioner's [website](#).

Yours sincerely

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