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Date 5 May 2026
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Dear Mr Sutherland,

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3331

Thank you for your freedom of information request which we received on 8 April 2026. You requested the following information:

I understand that NHS National Services Scotland, through the Practitioner Services Division, processes payment claims for General Ophthalmic Services (GOS) submitted by optometry practices.

Accordingly, I request the following information:

*• For each of the ****last three financial years**** (or calendar years if financial years are not readily available):*

- 1. The number of NHS funded eye examination claims paid*
- 2. Broken down by optometry practice, including:*
 - a. Practice name and/or practice code*
 - b. NHS Health Board in which the practice is located*
- 3. Confirmation of whether the counts represent claims paid rather than appointments scheduled or examinations booked*

Please find attached spreadsheet containing the data. I can confirm for Question 3 the count represents Examinations Paid.

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 \(PSD Scotland\)](#)

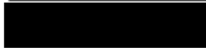
I trust you will find the information of assistance and, if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me using the email address psd.foi@nhs.scot.

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

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 Corporate Governance, NHS National Services Scotland, Headquarters, Gyle Square, 1 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9EB or email 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 application form](#). If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

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