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Date 9 June 2026  
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Dear Ahmed,

**Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3372**

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 20 May 2026 requesting the following information:

**This request follows my I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, relating to cyber security incidents affecting NHS systems. This request forms part of academic research for an MSc in Cyber Security at the University of Strathclyde, for which I am preparing a report analysing trends in cyber security risks associated with connected medical devices.**

**I would appreciate it if you could provide the following information for the period from 1 January 2020 to the present:**

- 1. The total number of cyber security incidents affecting your organisation, broken down by year.**
- 2. The number (or best estimate) of incidents involving network-connected medical devices within your organisation.**
- 3. A high-level breakdown of incident types (e.g. ransomware, malware, unauthorised access, denial of service).**
- 4. A high-level summary of operational impact (e.g. service disruption, delayed care, system downtime, device isolation).**
- 5. Any high-level trends observed over time.**
- 6. Any aggregated information on common causes or contributing factors.**

**I would like to emphasise that:**

**- I am not requesting any sensitive technical details or information that could compromise security.**

**- I am seeking only aggregated, high-level, and historical statistical information.**

I can confirm that Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland) have completed a search of our records and have determined that we only have a limited number of medical devices within the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service.

Under the [FOISA Section 17 exemption for “Information not held”](#) PSD Scotland has no record of any cyber security incidents impacting our medical device estate between 1 January 2020 to the date of your request.

We are only able to provide a response to this request on behalf of PSD Scotland, and in relation to our data as a data controller. Should you require information relating to cyber incidents within other Health Boards, you should direct your request to their individual FOI teams, as each Health Board is a data controller for their own data and under the terms of FOISA we are unable to transfer this request on your behalf. For more information on making your request with other NHSScotland Health Boards please visit the NHS Inform webpage [“How to request information from other Health Boards”](#)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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,

