



Date 29 July 2026
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Enquiries to [Redacted]
Email psd.foi@nhs.scot

Dear [Redacted]

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3410

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 03 July 2026 requesting the following information:

**NSS report that was done for the review of the witness support service of NHSGGC.
I request all versions that have been sent to NHSGGC and the reasons that any amendments
have been made.**

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

Please find attached a redacted copy of the report NSS submitted to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

Please note that some information has been redacted from the Appendix 1, under the [section 38\(1\)\(b\) exemption of FOISA for "Third party data"](#), as it constitutes personal data of third parties. Disclosure of this information would contravene the data protection principles set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Previous versions of the document, along with any correspondence and comments noting reasons for amendments, should be exempt from disclosure under Section 30(b)(ii) of FOISA in their entirety. Section 30(b)(ii) allows for the exemption of information is disclosure would be likely to inhibit the free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation

A Section 30(b)(ii) exemption is subject to the public interest test. I find that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exemption. It is recognised that there is some public interest in release to encourage transparency within a public body, however, this is outweighed by the strong public interest in maintaining the right to free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views between boards and their legal representatives even in a situation where there is no legal advice shared formally. In any event, it is accepted that the final draft will be shared and as such

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
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there is no wider benefit that the public receive previous, incomplete documents produced as drafts.

It is important to note that from 1 April 2026, NSS and NHS Education for Scotland (NES) joined to form Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland), enabling transformation in health, social care, and the wider public sector. The new direct PSD Scotland FOI email address is now psd.foi@nhs.scot

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,

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