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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3466

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 21 August 2026 requesting the following information:

Dear NSS,

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 I request the following information held by National Procurement in relation to the national frameworks for the supply of medicines to NHS Scotland hospitals.

- 1. A list of the current medicines framework agreements (by therapeutic category or framework title), with for each: the start and end dates, the number of lots, and the number of lots awarded to a single supplier.**
- 2. For each lot in those frameworks: the active substance and presentation covered, the number of compliant bids received, and the number of suppliers awarded. I am not asking for prices or the identity of unsuccessful bidders.**
- 3. For the most recent complete financial year, the number of instances in which National Procurement recorded a supply failure, stock-out or supplier withdrawal against a framework lot, broken down by therapeutic category, and the number of those attributed by the supplier to active ingredient or raw material shortage.**
- 4. Any assessment held by NSS of medicines or active substances for which NHS Scotland depends on a single supplier, manufacturing site or country of manufacture.**

If any information is withheld under section 33 (commercial interests), I would be grateful if you would consider releasing the counts requested in items 1 to 3, which do not identify any supplier's prices or bid.

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

It is important to note that from 01 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 \(PSD Scotland\)](#)

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

- 1. A list of the current medicines framework agreements (by therapeutic category or framework title), with for each: the start and end dates, the number of lots, and the number of lots awarded to a single supplier.**

Please find attached Appendix 1 – Medicines Frameworks, which provides you with a list of all current medicine’s frameworks including the start date and current end date.

Under the [FOISA Section 25 exemption for “Information otherwise accessible”](#) PSD Scotland has withheld the information in relation to the number of lots and lots awarded to a single supplier as this information is already in the public domain and can be found at the following link - [Search for Notices - Public Contracts Scotland](#).

In order to find the information requested type in the National Procurement (NP) code into the “Keywords” field and click “Search Notices”, e.g. NP300.

- 2. For each lot in those frameworks: the active substance and presentation covered, the number of compliant bids received, and the number of suppliers awarded. I am not asking for prices or the identity of unsuccessful bidders.**

Under the [FOISA Section 25 exemption for “Information otherwise accessible”](#) Public Services Delivery (PSD) Scotland has withheld the information in relation to the number of lots and lots awarded to a single supplier as this information is already in the public domain and can be found at the following link - [Search for Notices - Public Contracts Scotland](#).

- 3. For the most recent complete financial year, the number of instances in which National Procurement recorded a supply failure, stock-out or supplier withdrawal against a framework lot, broken down by therapeutic category, and the number of those attributed by the supplier to active ingredient or raw material shortage.**

Please find attached Appendix 2 - Shortages tracker- FY2526, which details supplier shortages reported to NP for the financial year 2025/2026.

Please find attached Appendix 3 - Supply failures, stock-outs and supplier withdrawals - FY2526, which details supply failures, stock-outs and supplier withdrawals against NP framework lots broken down by therapeutic category, and the number of those attributed by the supplier to active ingredient or raw material shortage for the financial year 2025-26.

- 4. Any assessment held by NSS of medicines or active substances for which NHS Scotland depends on a single supplier, manufacturing site or country of manufacture.**

Under [Section 17\(1\) of FOISA for “Information not held”](#) PSD Scotland does not hold any assessments of medicines or active substances for which NHSScotland depends on a single supplier, manufacturing site, or country of manufacture. PSD Scotland/NSS does/did not

routinely assess medicines or active substances on this basis and therefore does not hold any information within the scope of your request.

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,

