

Date 15 September 2026
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Enquiries to [REDACTED]
Email psd.foi@nhs.scot

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3469

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 1 September 2026 requesting the following information:

1. I am writing to request historical NHS dental prescribing information relating to my practice in Scotland during 2018. The information is required for ongoing regulatory proceedings.

I would be grateful if you could provide, where held:

- The total number of prescriptions attributed to my prescriber or list number during 2018.
 - A breakdown by drug or preparation, including Duraphat/Sodium Fluoride 5000 ppm toothpaste, Sodium Fluoride mouthwash, Amoxicillin, Erythromycin, and Fluconazole.
 - The relevant patient-number, registration or other denominator data used by Practitioner Services when assessing prescribing activity.
 - Any prescribing rates or prescribing-analysis metrics held in relation to my prescribing during that period.
2. I would also be grateful for any comparative or benchmark data available for NHS dental practitioners during the same period, including, where held:
 - Average or median prescribing rates for NHS dentists in Scotland in 2018.
 - Comparative prescribing data for the preparations listed above.
 - Prescribing rates per patient, per 100 patients, per registered patient population, or any other denominator ordinarily used by Practitioner Services.
 - Any percentile, peer-comparison, prescribing-monitoring, or outlier analysis relating to my prescribing.

- Any NHS Board, regional or national comparator data that would enable my prescribing activity to be considered in context.

If any prescribing-monitoring methodology, thresholds or criteria were used by Practitioner Services in 2018 to identify unusual or atypical dental prescribing, I would also be grateful for a copy or description of that methodology.

After a search of our records Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland) can confirm the following:

1. This information has been withheld under the [FOISA Section 38 for "Personal Information"](#) as this class of information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR).

As advised to you previously by Practitioner Services this part of your request is currently being progressed under the PSD Scotland Data Protection Subject Access Request process (DPA-2026-000361) and will be responded to within 1 calendar month of the date of your request, i.e. the 30 September 2026, or up to an additional 2 months if the request is considered complex.

2. Under [Section 17\(1\) of FOISA for "Information not held"](#) PSD Scotland does not hold the information that you have requested.

I suggest you submit a request for this information from Public Health Scotland or the regional NHSScotland Health Boards by using the email addresses listed below, as under the terms of FOISA we are unable to transfer this request on your behalf.

Public Health Scotland	phs.foi@phs.scot
NHS Ayrshire & Arran	foi@aaaht.scot.nhs.uk
NHS Borders	foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk
NHS Dumfries & Galloway	dg.feedback2@nhs.scot
NHS Fife	fife.foirequestfife@nhs.scot
NHS Forth Valley	fv.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot
NHS Grampian	gram.foi@nhs.scot
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	foi@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
NHS Highland	nhsh.foirequestshighland@nhs.scot
NHS Lanarkshire	foi@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk
NHS Lothian	loth.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot
NHS Orkney	ORK.FOIrequests@nhs.scot
NHS Shetland	shet.foi@nhs.scot
NHS Tayside	tay.foisa@nhs.scot
NHS Western Isles	wi.foi-requests@nhs.scot

I hope that you will find this response helpful 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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