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Date 21 September 2026
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Enquiries to [REDACTED]
Email psd.foi@nhs.scot

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3488

I refer to your request for internal review dated 7 August 2026 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for information in relation to your original request, which was as follows:

I wonder if you could let me know who the members are of the short life working group for the new reports that have been funded.

Also, if you could let me know how the group personnel are chosen.

It is important to note that from 1 April 2026, NHS National Services Scotland (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.

I can confirm that after a search of our paper and electronic records that PSD Scotland holds the following information.

The Short Life Working Group (SLWG) included representatives from a range of stakeholder groups and professional roles.

Organisations and groups represented included NSS, NES, the Scottish Government, Primary Care Lead Groups, Optometry Scotland and the Scottish Optometric Adviser Group. Organisations represented on the group were approached directly and invited to nominate an appropriate representative(s).

In addition, there was optometrist representation on the SLWG. This included individuals from a variety of backgrounds; those working in independent practices, working in the multiples, locum practitioners, domiciliary providers, GOS SS/independent prescribing optometrists, practice owners and employed optometrists. Geographic spread was also considered ensuring representation from both central boards and rural and island ones.

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

For community optometrist representatives, an email was sent to a primary care contact in each Health Board with a request that it be circulated to all optometrists within the Board. The email included a summary of the workstream and invited interested individuals to submit an expression of interest to join the SLWG. Representatives were selected from those who submitted an expression of interest.

The selection process simply aimed to achieve broad and balanced representation across the sector as outlined above. Members were therefore selected to ensure a range of professional perspectives and experiences were represented across the group.

Thank you for your patience whilst we formulated this response, however, if you have any queries regarding this FOISA response letter that you feel are relevant please do not hesitate to contact me at 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.

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The Scottish Information Commissioner recommends you make an appeal using their [application form](#), which will help to make you submit all of the information needed for them to investigate.

You also have the right of appeal, on a point of law, to the Court of Session.

Yours sincerely,

