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Enquiries to [REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3516

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 6 October 2026 requesting the following information:

I would like to carry out an audit on antibiotic prescribing within the Public Dental Service throughout NHS Ayrshire & Arran, and firstly ascertain whether these prescriptions are consistent with best-practice/first-line recommendations for antibiotic therapy; and then secondly, determine if we are working towards the 2029 goals for dental prescribing in Scotland.

I'm wondering if you might be able to provide me with the prescription data e.g antibiotics prescribed/dispensed from GP14s written by NHS A&A PDS dentists for 2025/2026?

After a search of our electronic and paper records I can confirm that under Section 17 of FOISA Public Services Delivery (PSD) Scotland does not hold the information that you have requested.

In order to obtain the information that you have requested we suggest that you contact Public Health Scotland directly using the email address phs.foi@phs.scot, as under the terms of FOISA we are unable to transfer this request on your behalf.

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](#).

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

Yours sincerely,

