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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3490

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 18 September 2026 requesting the following information:

- 1. What is the average total cost to the NHS per single session of extracorporeal photopheresis (ECP) for a patient with chronic graft-versus-host disease (cGVHD) who receives treatment under the NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) ECP service? Please provide the most recent cost data available.**
- 2. How many patients with cGVHD have received at least one session of ECP in Scotland per year, since July 2023?**
- 3. What is the average number of ECP sessions administered to patients with cGVHD who receive treatment in Scotland under the NSS ECP service, since July 2023?**
- 4. Is there currently a limit to the number of ECP sessions (or duration of treatment) which can be reimbursed for patients with cGVHD by NHS Scotland? If so, what is this limit?**
- 5. How many patients with cGVHD have had overnight accommodation and/or travel costs reimbursed because of travel distance to the Glasgow or Edinburgh Apheresis Units, per year, since July 2023?**
- 6. What is the average cost of accommodation and travel expenses for these patients funded by the NHS? Please provide the most recent data available.**

After a search of our electronic and paper records, I can confirm that Public Services Delivery (PSD) Scotland holds the following information in relation to your request:

- 1. What is the average total cost to the NHS per single session of extracorporeal photopheresis (ECP) for a patient with chronic graft-versus-host disease (cGVHD) who receives treatment under the NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) ECP service? Please**

provide the most recent cost data available.

Average cost per procedure for FY2025/2026 was £1228.04 for a single session of ECP for a patient with cGVHD.

2. How many patients with cGVHD have received at least one session of ECP in Scotland per year, since July 2023?

PATIENT TYPE	NUMBER OF PATIENTS
PAEDIATRIC PATIENTS	0
ADULT PATIENTS	12

3. What is the average number of ECP sessions administered to patients with cGVHD who receive treatment in Scotland under the NSS ECP service, since July 2023?

Since July 2023 there has been an average of 20.4 ECP sessions administered to patients with cGVHD who receive treatment in Scotland under the NSS ECP service,.

4. Is there currently a limit to the number of ECP sessions (or duration of treatment) which can be reimbursed for patients with cGVHD by NHS Scotland? If so, what is this limit?

Routine reimbursement for ECP to treat chronic GvHD in NHS Scotland covers a maximum of 30 procedures in total (i.e. paired treatments fortnightly for 3 months, then paired treatments monthly for another 9 months, allowing a year's treatment in total).

Occasional patients can be approved for additional ECP treatment for cGvHD via an Individual Patient Treatment Request mechanism to the appropriate regional Health Board.

5. How many patients with cGVHD have had overnight accommodation and/or travel costs reimbursed because of travel distance to the Glasgow or Edinburgh Apheresis Units, per year, since July 2023?

The following numbers of patients have been eligible for travel costs to be reimbursed by their own Health Board.

CALENDAR YEAR	NUMBER OF PATIENTS
2023	7
2024	≤5
2025	≤5
2026	≤5

Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland) has statistically suppressed the actual number of patients eligible for travel costs in 2024, 2025 and 2026. Suppression has been carried out in line with the [FOISA Section 38\(1\)\(b\) exemption for "Third party personal data"](#) as the actual numbers could potentially identify the individuals involved, especially if combined with other data.

This group of individuals have no expectation that their special category personal information (health data) would be disclosed into the public domain. Disclosure of this personal information would contravene [Article 5\(1\)\(a\) of the UK General Data Protection](#)

[Regulation \(UK GDPR\)](#), where personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subjects.

6. What is the average cost of accommodation and travel expenses for these patients funded by the NHS? Please provide the most recent data available.

Under [Section 17 of FOISA for "Information not held"](#) PSD Scotland NSD does not hold information relating to the average cost of accommodation or travel expenses for patients.

This information may held at a local regional Health Board level. In order to contact the Health Boards please used the email addresses listed below, as under the terms of FOISA we are unable to transfer this request on your behalf.

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.infogov-wihb@nhs.scot

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,

