

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Date 26 October 2026
Your Ref FOI-2026-3517
Our Ref FOI-2026-3517

Enquiries to [REDACTED]
Email psd.foi@nhs.scot

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3517

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 06 October 2026 requesting the following information:

Background. I am researching how UK public bodies have assessed and adopted far-UVC (ultraviolet light at 200-235 nm, for example 222 nm excimer lamps) and glycol vapour air disinfection (triethylene, propylene or dipropylene glycol vapour dispersed into indoor air) as ways to reduce airborne disease transmission.

Period: 1 January 2020 to the date of this request.

Questions (in priority order)

- 1. The project specification(s), and any interim or final reports, of the NHS Scotland Assure research programme on far-UVC.**
- 2. Any recommendations made to NHS boards or the Scottish Government as a result of that programme, and any decisions recorded on implementation, including pilots in NHS boards.**
- 3. Papers and minutes of any governance or steering group overseeing that programme that discuss its findings.**

Scope of records

Unless a question says otherwise, I am only asking for the following kinds of recorded information:

- a. final versions (or the latest version, if not finalised) of submissions, briefings or policy advice to ministers, board members or senior officials**
- b. papers and minutes of formal boards, committees, expert groups or working groups**

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

- c. **guidance, position statements, risk assessments or technical assessments, whether published or internal**

I am not asking for drafts, or for a general search of email accounts.

Cost limit and exemptions

- Questions are in priority order. If the request would exceed the appropriate limit, please answer as many as possible in order, and advise me how to narrow the rest (section 15).

Format

Please answer each question separately and confirm explicitly where nothing is held. Electronic copies are preferred. Where information is withheld, please name the exemption and release the remainder.

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

- 1. The project specification(s), and any interim or final reports, of the NHS Scotland Assure research programme on far-UVC.**

Under [Section 17\(1\) of FOISA for "Information not held"](#) Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland), formerly NHS National Services Scotland (NSS), does not hold information relating to an NHSScotland Assure research programme on Far-UVC, as there is no dedicated programme of work on this technology.

NHSScotland Assure has commissioned one study through the University of St Andrews, [Far UVC Light for Reducing Airborne Transmission of Bacteria and Viruses](#), the final report of which is publicly available at the link above. The University of St Andrews team concluded that the technology shows promise in a laboratory setting, but that there is currently insufficient real-world evidence to further support its use or indeed how it sits within the wider body of evidence. No project specifications or interim reports relating to a Far-UVC research programme are held.

- 2. Any recommendations made to NHS boards or the Scottish Government as a result of that programme, and any decisions recorded on implementation, including pilots in NHS boards.**

Under [Section 17\(1\) of FOISA for "Information not held"](#) PSD Scotland does not hold information relating to recommendations made to NHSScotland Health Boards or the Scottish Government, or decisions regarding implementation or pilots, arising from a Far-UVC research programme, as no such programme exists.

- 3. Papers and minutes of any governance or steering group overseeing that programme that discuss its findings.**

Under [Section 17\(1\) of FOISA for "Information not held"](#) PSD Scotland does not hold papers or minutes of a governance or steering group overseeing a Far-UVC research programme, as there is no dedicated programme of work on this technology.

From 1 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 \(PSD Scotland\)](#)

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,

