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Dear [redacted]

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Thank you for your information request received on 13 October 2026 by Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland).

From 1 April 2026, NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) joined to form PSD Scotland, enabling transformation in health, social care, and the wider public sector. This means your Freedom of Information request is now being responded to by PSD Scotland.

Your Request

Would you also be able to tell me whether the number of eligible students opting into the Scotland First process will be published and in what timeframe, to allow others to gauge the likely number of remaining places.

I wish to advise under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), that PSD Scotland can provide a full response to your request, as detailed below.

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The Scotland First Matching Process matches graduating medical students from Scottish medical schools to the Scottish Foundation School. Further information is available via: Scotland First - local matching process | Scottish Medical T

It is anticipated that the number of posts available to those who do not hold a Scottish Primary Medical Qualification will be known by mid-January 2027, with the allocation process being completed by the end of July 2027. The information is expected to be published during August 2027.

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

If you are dissatisfied with this reply under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, you should contact us again in writing or by email within 40 days of receipt of this response to request an internal review.

If you remain unhappy with the outcome of that internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision within six months of receiving our response. For further information, please visit the Scottish Information Commissioner's website.

Yours sincerely

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