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Your Ref FOI-2026-3529
Our Ref FOI-2026-3529

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

Dear [redacted]

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3529

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 16 October 2026 requesting the following information:

> **Public Contracts Scotland Reference No. MAY449891 Title NP770 - PPE & Workplace Safety.**
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> **I was hoping for information with regards to the above contract that was awarded to Arco back in 2022 through Public Contracts Scotland. Through the freedom of information, is the bid they supplied (redacted with commercial sensitive information) something you can provide to me.**

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

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 the information requested.

Arco did not submit a bid directly to NSS. Arco submitted its bid through a Scotland Excel (SE) framework procurement process. NSS subsequently undertook a review of the SE framework and made its procurement through a call-off arrangement under that framework. As NSS was not the contracting authority responsible for the original tender process, it does not hold the information requested.

As the information requested may be held by Scotland Excel, you may wish to submit your request directly to them. Freedom of information requests can be made via the Scotland Excel contact form - Freedom of Information | Scotland Excel

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

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,

