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Dear [redacted]

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3565

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 2 November 2026 requesting the following information:

> **I'm hoping you might be able to help me. I am researching historical NHS obstetric and blood transfusion practices on behalf of the Infected Blood Authority (IBCA) concerning a maternal delivery at Rutherglen Maternity Hospital, Glasgow, on 18 January 1985.**
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> **I am particularly looking for historical clinical literature, hospital publications, protocols, audits or guidance from approximately 1978–1989 relating to:**
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> 7. **Management of severe antepartum haemorrhage.**
> 8. **Placental abruption (abruptio placentae).**
> 9. **Blood transfusion during emergency caesarean sections.**
> 10. **Scottish obstetric transfusion practices during the 1980s.**
> 11. **West of Scotland Blood Transfusion Service arrangements and blood supply to maternity hospitals.**
> 12. **Any publications or historical material specifically relating to Rutherglen Maternity Hospital.**
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> **I would be very grateful if a librarian could advise whether these materials are available through your catalogue, databases or document delivery service.**
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> **The material is being sought to establish historical clinical practice at the time of the delivery, rather than to locate individual patient records.**

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

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

I have had confirmation from Knowledge Services and the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS), who are both part of PSD Scotland, that they do not hold any information in relation to your request.

I have attached a letter from SNBTS which explains that SNBTS did not manage the blood bank at Rutherglen Maternity Hospital. Rather, Rutherglen Maternity blood bank was managed by the Victoria Infirmary. The New Victoria Hospital now holds historical records relating to Rutherglen Maternity Hospital which can be rested through NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

I suggest that you contact NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde directly using the email address foi@ggc.scot.nhs.uk, 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.

Yours sincerely,

