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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2022-000123 details of all children mental health services throughout Scotland**

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 24 May 2022 requesting the following information. I can advise you that we have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

**Would it be possible to have the following information please.**

**Funding details of all children mental health services throughout Scotland**

Under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act an organisation does not require to provide information if it does not hold that information. NHS National Services Scotland does not hold any information relating to funding details of any children mental health services throughout Scotland. Here at NSS we are responsible for supplying essential services to the rest of the NHS in Scotland including advice and guidance on facilities. For more information on the services we provide please visit our website for more information by clicking on the link: <https://nhsnss.org/services/>

In order to obtain this information we suggest that you contact each of the NHS Boards and Health and Social Care Partnerships directly using the email addresses listed below.

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**Staff numbers within the children's mental health services, sickness levels, and how many unfilled positions there are within the children's mental health services.**

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Workforce stats for CAMHS are reported on the following website. NSS don't manage or have any input to this site: <https://turasdata.nes.nhs.scot/data-and-reports/official-workforce-statistics/all-official-statistics-publications/?pageid=1302>

**Can you also send me the criteria for what constitutes exceptional needs**

The children with Exceptional Healthcare Needs (CEN), National Managed Clinical Network (NMCN) defines a child or young person (up to the age of 19) is as having exceptional healthcare needs if they:

have severe impairment recorded in at least 4 categories together with enteral/ parenteral feeding

OR

have severe impairment recorded in at least 2 categories and require ventilation/CPAP

AND

the impairments are sustained and ongoing or expected to last for more than 6 months. The six impairment categories used for assessing the children and young people are:

- learning and mental functions
- communication

- motor skills
- self care
- hearing
- vision

This is a definition agreed by the network's stakeholders, for use within the network to define the patient group.

**and how many registered children with exceptional needs we have in Scotland.**

The most recent report by the Children with Exceptional Healthcare Needs (CEN), National Managed Clinical Network (NMCN) has identified 699 children and young people on their audit system in 2021/22 as having exceptional healthcare needs - <https://www.cen.scot.nhs.uk/2021-22-cas-full-scotland-report-now-available/>

This figure is taken from the network's clinical audit system (CAS), The CAS is a database used by the network to gather information on children with exceptional healthcare needs across Scotland to support service development and inform improvement. The CAS is updated by NHS Boards and may not be an exact figure of all children with exceptional health care needs.

I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

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NHS National Services Scotland  
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or at the email address [nss.foi@nhs.scot](mailto:nss.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 application form](#).

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

