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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2022-000060 Community ostomy expenditure**

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 22 March 2022 requesting the following information.

**The question is around "Community ostomy expenditure which includes expenditure with appliance, accessory and prescription costs". It may be referred at your end as "Community Stoma Expenditure" or "Primary Care Stoma expenditure in NHS Scotland" or "NHSS Ostomy spend in community". They will all be the same figures but even the same NHS Scotland paper can reference the same thing in four different ways.**

- 1. I request the Stoma Community Expenditure Figures in Scotland for the following years (2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21).**
- 2. I would also request the total expenditure for each year broken down as follows: Amount for Stoma Appliances, Stoma Accessories. Appliance Contractor dispensing, customisation & delivery fees.**

I can advise you that we have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

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 this information. I would recommend you contact Public Health Scotland (ISD division) at [PHS.FOI@phs.scot](mailto:PHS.FOI@phs.scot).

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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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,

