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Dear ▮▮▮▮,

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2022-0000101 – Dates and communications between Scottish Stoma Clinical Nurse Specialist Group (SSCNSG) and National Procurement

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 3 May 2022. I can advise you that we have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

NOTE:

On the 31st March 2022, ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ (Commodity Manager, NSS National Procurement) sent an email to ▮▮▮▮▮▮ at Vanilla Blush, as below, which included the following:

"The submissions are now the 3rd time these have been presented, the codes on the applications relate to products that the Scottish Stoma Clinical Nurse Specialist Group identified and removed from the Stoma Supplies listing, having assessed them as Level 1 garments. The process removed Vanilla Blush products categorised as Briefs, Girdles, Vests, Boxers & Pants."

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

(1) What date was National Procurement notified by the Scottish Stoma Clinical Nurse Specialist Group (SSCNSG) that they had "identified and removed from the Stoma Supplies listing" Vanilla Blush products categorised as "Briefs, girdles, Vests, Boxers & Pants"?

National Procurement were notified via the publication of the Scottish Stoma Clinical Nurse Specialist Group report titled "Effective Use of Support Garments for Parastomal Hernia" attached as Appendix 1. Specific detail can be found in the following sections of the report:

Page 10 – 4.5 (1) and (2)

Page 12 – 5.7 and 6.0 (1)

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(2) What communication method was used by the Scottish Stoma Clinical Nurse Specialist Group (e.g. email, telephone, letter, etc.) to inform National Procurement of the above (1)?

National Procurement were notified via the publication of the Scottish Stoma Clinical Nurse Specialist Group report titled "Effective Use of Support Garments for Parastomal Hernia" attached as Appendix 1.

(3) What was the official position of the Public Service employee representing the Scottish Stoma Clinical Nurse Specialist Group (e.g. the Chair) who contacted National Procurement to inform them that Vanilla Blush products categorised as "Briefs, Girdles, Vests, Boxers & Pants" had been "identified and removed from the Stoma Supplies listing"?

The official position of the chair of the Scottish Stoma Clinical Nurse Specialist Group at the time of this report was Associate Nurse Director/IJB Lead East Ayrshire (▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮). As per Questions 1 and 2, National Procurement were notified via the publication of the Scottish Stoma Clinical Nurse Specialist Group report titled "Effective Use of Support Garments for Parastomal Hernia" attached as Appendix 1.

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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or at the email address 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