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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2022-0000118 – Communications between NSS NP and Scottish Stoma Clinical Nurse Specialist Group**

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 17 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, Paul Dishington (Commodity Manager, NSS National Procurement) sent an email to Simon Dames 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."**

**ACTION:**

**(1) Is the above mentioned Scottish Stoma Clinical Nurse Specialist Group (SSCNSG or variation of abbreviation name, such as SSNG) under the auspices of National Procurement or any other NHS Scotland body?**

The Scottish Stoma Nurse Group was under the auspices of National Services Scotland (NSS) in terms of procurement review of the Stoma products. The group was established for the specific need to review a request from Scotland's Executive Nurse Directors (SEND). As NSS Board Services Team provide the secretariat for Scotland's Executive Nurse Directors (SEND) we would recommend contacting them using the following details:

[nss.boardservices@nhs.scot](mailto:nss.boardservices@nhs.scot)

Any FOI requests in relation to SEND can be directed to:

[nss.foi@nhs.scot](mailto:nss.foi@nhs.scot)

**(2) Please email me the communication points of contact (e.g. email addresses, telephone numbers, postal addresses, etc.) which National Procurement have been used to contact the**



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Gyle Square, 1 South Gyle Crescent, EDINBURGH EH12 9EB

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**Scottish Stoma Clinical Nurse Specialist Group (SSCNSG or variation of abbreviation name, such as SSNG).**

National Procurement may have utilised the methods of communication mentioned and also verbal communication. Under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA and Article 5(1)(a) of the UK GDPR we are withholding the email addresses, telephone numbers and postal addresses requested. We have attached appendix - Appendix 1 - National Stoma Quality Improvement SLWG (NSQIG) Final Report, which on page 21 shows the members of the group.

**(3) Please email me the communication points of contact (e.g. email addresses, telephone numbers, postal addresses, etc.) which National Procurement have been contacted by the Scottish Stoma Clinical Nurse Specialist Group (SSCNSG or variation of abbreviation name, such as SSNG).**

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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

Head of Information and Cyber Security  
Digital and Security  
NHS National Services Scotland  
Headquarters  
Gyle Square  
1 South Gyle Crescent  
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EH12 9EB

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

