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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2022-000172 – Expertise of members in UK IPC Cell**

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 22 July 2022. I can advise you that we have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

**APRHAI Scotland say they do not hold this information for Scotland and have directed me to you to obtain it. (Please see here: [https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/specialisms\\_and\\_expertise\\_of\\_rep\\_5#comment-107280](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/specialisms_and_expertise_of_rep_5#comment-107280)) I wish to know the expertise and/or specialisms of the members and advisors from Scotland of the UK IPC Cell. I do not require their names or individual details, but I would like to know what their expertise is.**

**I would like to know how many there are of each of the following there are:**

**(a) infectious diseases doctors or nurses?**

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 (NSS) does not hold this information. NSS Procurement, Commissioning and Facilities (PCF) can confirm that there was no one else other than those mentioned in answers (j) & (k) below, on the UK IPC Cell within the organisation.

**(b) virologists?**

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. NSS does not hold this information. NSS PCF can confirm that there was no one else other than those mentioned in answers (j) & (k) below, on the UK IPC Cell within the organisation.



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**(c) public health officials?**

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**(d) epidemiologists?**

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**(e) health service managers?**

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**(f) occupational or air hygienists**

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**(g) aerosol scientists**

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**(h) natural ventilation engineers**

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**(i) mechanical ventilation engineers**

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**(j) are there other specialisms from ARHAI on the UK IPC Cell which are not mentioned above, and if so what specialisms are they and how many people are in each?**

There are 3 Infection Prevention and Control Nurses and 1 Healthcare Scientist.

**(k) what is the total number of experts from ARHAI who are members and/or advisors of the IPC Cell?**

There are 4 experts from ARHAI who are members and/or advisors of the IPC Cell.

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

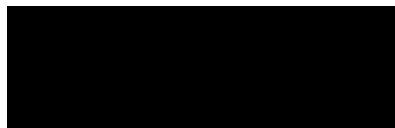
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or at the email address [nss.foi@nhs.scot](mailto:nss.foi@nhs.scot) within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

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

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