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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference: **FOI-2023-000167 Oximeters**

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 12 May 2023. I can advise you that we have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

I need to know what equipment is used to reliably measure SPO2 levels constantly - 24/7 - including when a patient is active.

The NHS must use equipment to record say a week's detailed record of Oxygen levels. The clip on Oximeters are not a reliable way to test a person when they are moving around. The reliable equipment would usually have a rubber type covering which slips onto the finger. Would you please provide me with the following information:

- 1. Name of equipment**
- 2. Brand of equipment**
- 3. Model of equipment**
- 4. Whether the equipment is FDA or CE approved**

Some people need to be monitored during their normal activities in their normal environment. This is extremely important for instance for a patient who suffers from severe PTSD whilst in the presence of NHS personnel. In fact it is the only way to obtain a reliable record of a patient in these circumstances.

Please find attached Appendix 1 - Monitors with SpO2 capability. This appendix will provide you with all of the current monitors that are on the framework, NP173/19 - Patient Monitors, Anaesthetic Machines and Ventilators. The details and criteria of the framework can be viewed by clicking the following link - [Public Contract Scotland Website](#).

Under section 17 of the Freedom on Information Scotland Act, 2002 (FOISA) an organisation does not have to provide any information if it does not hold that information. NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) does not hold any information in relation to the reliability of these devices. All products have met the requirements of the tendering process and it is down to the individual Health Boards Medical Physics departments to identify the specific requirements they need and choose accordingly. Under FOISA we cannot pass this enquiry on the individual boards however if you wish to contact them directly this can be done so using the following email addresses:



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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

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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

