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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2023-000303 – Dispensing Data

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 17 August 2023 requesting the following information.

Dispensing Data is available on the Public Health Scotland website, while this data provides detail of how many prescription lines have been paid, it is not the full detail around which products were dispensed or the Net Ingredient Cost, so we are looking for additional detail.

I have attached an extract of the data we received from NHSBSA England and we are looking for the same information in relation to prescriptions dispensed for Scotland.

We would like this data split by month, for the last 36 months, for BNF chapters 21, 22 and 23. Separating out each Appliance Contractor, along with totals for Dispensing Doctors and Pharmacies.

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 (FOISA) 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 as the data requested is held by Public Health Scotland (PHS). We would advise contacting PHS at phs.foi@phs.scot who may be able to provide the requested information.

I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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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

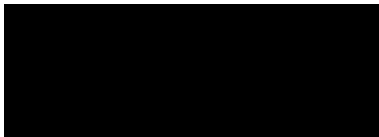
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or at the email address nss.foi@nhs.scot within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

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

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