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Date: 26 September 2023
Our ref: K: FOI/Ref: 2023-000337
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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2023-000337 – Supplier of hip and knee products.

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 08 September 2023 requesting the following information.

In terms of procurement, I ask if NHS Scotland has Ossur as a listed supplier. More specifically patients in the early stages of osteoarthritis would benefit from Ossur knee and hip braces. These delay the progress to stage 4 thus taking pressure off the NHS of knee and hip replacements costs and human resources. Please indicate if you have assessed these products and put them on the supply list. This would also lessen prescriptions for painkillers and referrals for musculoskeletal therapy.

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

NHS Scotland health boards can access Ossur Leg Orthopaedic Softgoods via the National Distribution Centre, each individual health board would undertake a clinical assessment for each patient prior to approving use.

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



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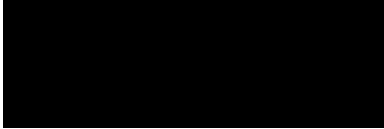
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Chairperson Keith Redpath
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If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, 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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