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Freedom of Information Reference: **FOI-2023-000323 – GCU Report Questions**

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 28 August 2023:

I was told by GCU that you would be replying to ALL the questions and that they would not be replying to them on that basis. This was despite them previously promising to do so. I duly pointed out that I had only asked HFS certain questions and doubted very much if they could answer the others.

Can you therefore clarify if it is indeed your intention to answer ALL 32 questions I asked as GCU implied?

Under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act, 2002 (FOISA) an organisation does not have to provide that information if it does not hold that information. NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) are unable to answer any of the further questions as they refer to the specific content, modelling, determinations or conclusions produced by the GCU reports authors.

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.



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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

