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Our ref: K: FOI/Ref: 2023-000289  
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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2023-000289 – Specialist Seating**

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 14 August 2023:

**Please can the following information be provided for your organisation in full. If there have been any organisational changes within the timeframe request such as mergers, please indicate this.**

- 1. Please can you provide the last 3 years spend on specialist seating used for patients ie recliners and tilt in space chairs not general staff or waiting type seating, excluding VAT, broken down by year ie 2020, 2021 and 2022. There is no preference on if this is fiscal or calendar year.**
- 2. In each of these years please could you highlight the 3 models you purchased/rented the most of by quantity**
- 3. Do you purchase outright or rent/hire your specialist seating for the trust. If there is a mixture, please could you quantify the split per year for the last 3 years**
- 4. Please confirm which manufacturers of specialist seating your organisation purchased/rented from ie Ocura, DHG, Seating Matters, Remtec, Vivid Care, Premiere, Felgains Formal, Caremed. If multiple suppliers, please could you outline the top 3 by spend per year for 3 the last 3 years**
- 5. Are you currently in a specialist seating contract if so who is this with, when does this run to and is there an agreed extension in place**
- 6. Within the last 12 months has there been any entry to the trusts risk register with regards to specialist seating and if so has this been resolved or still open**
- 7. Please can you provide the details of your hospitals care or multidisciplinary team (MDT's) that collaborate to provide fundamental care for patients**

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

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There have been no significant organisational changes or mergers in the last three years.



**Headquarters**

Gyle Square, 1 South Gyle Crescent, EDINBURGH EH12 9EB

Chairperson Keith Redpath  
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Under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2002 an organisation does not have to provide that information if it does not hold that information. NHS national Services Scotland (NSS) do not hold this information as each individual Health Board purchase this type of equipment locally and on an ad-hoc basis. There is no national spend data available. Please see the list below for contact details of the territory Health Boards.

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Please refer to our answer to Question 1.

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Ayrshire and Arran - [foi@aapct.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@aapct.scot.nhs.uk)

Borders – [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk)

Dumfries and Galloway – [dg.feedback2@nhs.scot](mailto:dg.feedback2@nhs.scot)

Fife – [fife.foirequestfife@nhs.scot](mailto:fife.foirequestfife@nhs.scot)

Forth Valley – [fv.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot](mailto:fv.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot)

Grampian – [gram.foi@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.foi@nhs.scot)

Greater Glasgow & Clyde – [foi@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

Highland – [nhsh.foirequestshighland@nhs.scot](mailto:nhsh.foirequestshighland@nhs.scot)

Lanarkshire – [foi@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk)

Lothian – [foi@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk)

Orkney – [ORK.FOIREquests@nhs.scot](mailto:ORK.FOIREquests@nhs.scot)

Shetland – [shet.foi@nhs.scot](mailto:shet.foi@nhs.scot)

Tayside – [tay.informationgovernance@nhs.scot](mailto:tay.informationgovernance@nhs.scot)

Western Isles – [wi.foi-requests@nhs.scot](mailto:wi.foi-requests@nhs.scot)

NHS24 – [foi@nhs24.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@nhs24.scot.nhs.uk)

NHS National Waiting Times Centre – [FOI@gjnh.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@gjnh.scot.nhs.uk)

Scottish Ambulance Service – [sas.foi@nhs.scot](mailto:sas.foi@nhs.scot)

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  
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Edinburgh  
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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

