

Date: 07 May 2024
Our ref: K: FOI/Ref: 2024-000150
Email: nss.pcf-foi@nhs.scot

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2024-000150 – NIPCM.

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 08 April 2024 requesting the following information.

The link: <https://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/resources/development-process/> concerning the exercise to consider changes to the methodology that are "currently being piloted with the IPC Working Groups to increase transparency and improve rigour of development of the NIPCM." states "it is anticipated that this process will be completed by March 2024".

As an FOI I would like to receive information on the conclusions of this process including minutes of meetings where they were discussed and/ or approved or, if not yet available, to be informed when they will be available and to be sent these as soon as they are available.

We have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

The conclusion of the process is outlined in the draft methodology published in the NIPCM at the following link: [National Infection Prevention and Control Manual: Methodology \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/nipcm/). This was presented at the Infection Prevention and Control Oversight and Advisory Group on 01 December 2022. A pilot has commenced of the draft methodology and remains ongoing.

Action note 58 on the attached Appendix 1 - 2022-12-01 FINAL Discussion Action Note IPC OAG v1.0_Redacted refers to NIPCM.

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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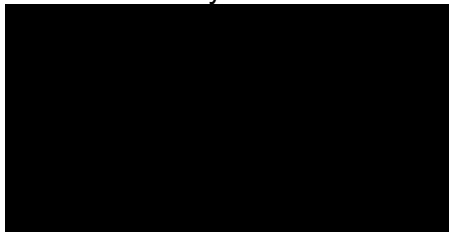
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If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via their [online application form](#).

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely



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